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Mrs. Vijayalakshmi, Indian Ambassador to the United States and Lt.-General H. H. the Maharaja Jam Saheb of Nawanagar, Rajpramukh of Saurashtra, Representative of India and Chairman of the Fifth (Administrative and Budgetary) Committee.

NEHRU ANNOUNCES CUT IN ARMY STRENGTH

But Fighting Power Won't Be Impaired

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (PTI).

PRIME MINISTER Nehru announced in an economy-minded Parliament today the Government of India's decision to go ahead with the task of reducing the Indian Army without impairing its fighting strength.

For the last two or three years, he said, Government had been considering how to reduce defence expenditure, which was swallowing up a very large part of the revenue and coming in the way of the country's development. Government were facing the problem how to keep the most efficient defence forces and at the same time spend less and less on it.

The Prime Minister indicated that Government would reduce those elements of the army which were not properly equipped and were relatively not so well trained as the others.

Government, he declared, could not think of reducing the navy or air force, which were small enough as they were.

The House granted supplementary demands totalling over Rupees forty crores including over Rupees sixteen and half crores for the army and Rupees 4.63 crores for defence capital outlay.

The increased defence expenditure was explained by the Deputy Defence Minister, Major-General Himatsinghji, as due to the fact that stores due for delivery last year were being received now at increased prices. Other reasons were that reductions in the army cotemplated at the time the budget was framed did not materialise and more money had been spent on amenities as demanded by the House.

The Deputy Minister said that owing to the world situation the United Kingdom had told India that she could not deliver to India at present the second cruiser which had been ready for delivery.

The Finance Minister, Mr. C. D. Deshmukh, said that Government expected to effect economies to the extent of Rupees one crore for the rest of the year in fields other than Defence, Rehabilitation and Posts and Telegraphs. His Ministry had evolved proposals for saving Rupees 6.5 or seven crores in the same sector next year. They would have to be considered by the Cabinet or in a meeting of Ministers and Secretaries.

PART 'C' STATES

The Law Minister, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, told the House that after consulting members from Part 'C' States (Centrally Administered Areas) and other members, Government had agreed that Part 'C' States should elect their representatives in the Upper Chamber of Parliament through electoral colleges consisting of members of local bodies and matriculates. They had also decided to extend this system to Manipur and Tripura, whose representative was originally to be nominated.

It was not certain today whether the session would conclude tomorrow or the day after.

WHERE SECURITY LIES

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (PTI).

'There is no security in the world except the security of a stout heart and the security of stout arms,' observed Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru in Parliament today.

"India today is more secure than ninety per cent of the countries of the world. I am not saying that because of our army or navy or air force at all. I am merely looking at the world situation, geography, policy and many other things included. Taking those into consideration, the danger to us in the near future is far less than the danger to much more powerful and advanced countries both in the East and West".

The Prime Minister was speaking on the debate on the supplementary grants for the Ministry of Defence.

JORDAN ENVOY IN INDIA

His Excellency Monsieur Farhan Bey Al-Shubeilat, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary-designate of the Hashimite Kingdom of the Jordan to India accompanied by his wife arrived in New Delhi on December 20. They were received at Palam airport by Shri I. S. Chopra, Chief of Protocol, Government of India. This photo was taken on their arrival at the airport.
(Left to Right) Shri I S. Chopra, Madame Farhan Bey Al-Shubeilat and H. E. Monsieur Farhan Bey Al-Shubeilat.

U. S. TROOPS IN A TIGHTER CORNER

Red Forces Close In

TOKYO, Dec. 21 (PTI-Reuter).

WITH over a hundred thousand Communist troops closing in from three sides, the hard-pressed United States garrison defending Hungnam in North-East Korea have now withdrawn into a tighter and more easily defensive perimeter, it was learned here tonight.

They had blown up the last bridge leading south from the encircled port and were reported battling to hold their lines with the aid of bombing and machine-gunning naval planes and the big guns of Allied warships off shore.

"DISASTER" LOSSES

General MacArthur announced today that United Nations troops in North Korea, excluding South Koreans suffered 12,975 battle casualties during the "reported 'disaster' period" of the great Chinese counter-offensive—the 16 days from November 27 to December 12. These figures included killed, wounded and missing.

Seven American divisions suffered 11,964 casualties and "other United Nations forces" 1,011.

Field Commanders reported that corresponding Communist losses were in the ratio of ten to one, his communique added.

The effect of these Communist losses was "already noticeable in the perceptible slow-down of their current rate of advance."

The American Eighth Army's withdrawal in the north-west had not been dictated by the battle losses, nor by the acceptance of defeat, General MacArthur said. The withdrawal was dictated by the "obvious discrepancy" between nine corps of 27 Chinese Communist divisions and four corps of 12 United Nations divisions, he added.

The forward Echelon of nine corps represented only 20 per cent of China's organised military man-power, with 15 to 25 additional divisions "known to be massed in a second Echelon along the Yalu river and within Manchuria."

"Under such conditions, the assumption of the defensive in a position of readiness and the tightening of frontages is an almost commonplace military manoeuvre."

LOSSES NOT UNUSUAL

Allied casualties were "not unusual" in comparison with those suffered in "similar situations in other wars."

"The total losses since June, over a period of five and a half months had not even approximated the battle losses in certain comparable operations in world war two."

General MacArthur's spokesman denied here today reports that the Chinese had used gas grenades against the American Third Division holding one sector of the Hungnam perimetre.

Demonstrations In Syria

TEAR GAS USED

DAMASCUS, Dec. 21 (PTI-Reuter): Police used tear gas to disperse thousands of students demonstrating in Aleppo today against the French tobacco monopoly company and other foreign business firms.

Later, demonstrators occupied police headquarters and freed some of their comrades who had been arrested. They attacked French-owned electric tram cars.

The Minister of the Interior, Rashad Barmada went immediately to Aleppo, Syria's second largest city to investigate.

Cease-Fire Not A Trap

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 21. (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Nasrullah Entezam, President of the General Assembly, has assured the Chinese Communist Government that United Nations cease-fire proposal in Korea is not a 'trap' as alleged by General Wu Hsui-Chuan Peking's representative who left here on Tuesday for London.

In a telegram sent to Chou-En Lai, Chinese Foreign Minister, on behalf of the three-man Cease-fire Committee, Mr. Entezam is understood to have told the Peking Government that the United Nations' proposal only called upon the parties to state the terms on which a satisfactory basis for a cease-fire could be established.

Cold Wave In Saurashtra

RAJKOT, Dec. 21 (PTI).—Saurashtra is in the grip of a cold wave for the last three days.

The minimum temperature recorded in Rajkot yesterday was 41.5 degrees and the maximum 77.3.

The corresponding figures last year were 52 and 85.3 degrees, respectively.

ELEPHANT KILLS 2 MAHOUTS

TRICHUR, Dec. 21 (PTI).—Two mahouts were gored and trampled to death by an elephant here which ran amuck all day today before it was fired on and disabled.

From early in the day, it trumpeted about the thoroughfares and suburbs, driving people to panic. All attempts to beat sense into the animal failed. Then it was fired on a dozen times and disabled.

During the hours it ran amuck, the elephant destroyed a few huts and compound walls, smashed gates and pulled down many trees.

Sugar Inquiry

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (PTI).—Mr. Ganga Nath, retired Judge, Allahabad High Court, who is at present conducting an enquiry into some aspects of the sugar crisis of July-August, 1949, has been appointed to enquire into and report on the allegations made in Parliament by Mr. Mahavir Tyagi about the non-acceptance by the Government of certain offers of private parties to import sugar, and other connected matters, according to an official announcement.

Jute Mills Under Construction

DACCA, Dec. 21 (PTI).—The Pakistan Prime Minister, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan today visited the site of the three jute mills now under construction near Narayangunj which are expected to take in a maximum of about 8,00,000 bales of jute when completed. The mills will reach full loom capacity by April 1953.

GERMANY DEMANDS EQUALITY

LONDON, Dec. 21 (PTI-Reuter):—Dr. Adenauer, West German Chancellor, demanded last night equality with the West and a security pact as his terms for inclusion of West German troops in the European Army, the Bonn correspondent of the "Daily Express" said today.

Terrorists' Attack

SINGAPORE, Dec. 21 (PTI-Reuter): Four Malay police and one Chinese labourer were killed when 50 terrorists ambushed a goods trolley on a tin mine railway in the Kotta Dinggi area, Johore yesterday, it was reported today.

Four more Chinese labourers were wounded in the ambush.

Locust Invasion Of Agra District

AGRA, Dec. 21 (PTI).—A five-mile long locust swarm is reported over Agra District. First sighted last week the swarm is moving east at the rate of ten miles a day leaving devastated fields behind.

Nepal Forces' Attempt To Cross Kosi River Foiled

BIRATNAGAR, Dec. 21 (UPI): An encounter between the insurgents and State forces was reported this morning at Kusa Ghat on the river Kosi, about 20 miles South-West of Biratnagar.

It is gathered that the State forces tried to cross the Kosi near about Kusa Ghat on its right bank when they were compelled to withdraw at the face of a heavy exchange of fire.

SHOT DEAD: A terrorist Yellamandu Lakshmiah of Krishna District (Madras), was shot dead by the Hyderabad police near the Jajireddiguda hills in Nalgonda District last week.

U. P. SETS AN EXAMPLE

LUCKNOW, Dec. 21 (PTI).—Uttar Pradesh has now wiped out its deficit in cereals and will have a surplus producing capacity of over four lakh tons of cereals annually by 1951-52, it is learnt.

The State which had a deficit of two lakh fifty thousand tons in 1947-48 has increased its production by two lakh fifty-six thousands tons by '49-'50.

Ahmedabad Merchant Sentenced

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 21 (UPI).—A local wholesale grain merchant was sentenced today by the City Magistrate for one day's imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 3,575, in default to six months' R.I. for hoarding foodgrains with a view to sell the same in blackmarket.

CHANGE IN BRITAIN'S ECONOMIC POLICY

Rearmament Speed-Up

LONDON, Dec. 21 (PTI-Reuter): The British Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee and members of his Cabinet held a discussion today on British economic policy—which is likely to be considerably affected by the rearmament speed-up.

The Cabinet may discuss the full industrial implications of its rearmament policy when it meets immediately after Christmas.

Women as well as men will be quickly brought under labour direction if any deterioration in the international situation dictates a further acceleration of rearmament.

SHANTIDAS ASKURAN DEAD

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Sir Shantidas Askuran, well-known industrialist and former Sheriff of Bombay passed away tonight, at his residence, Mahendra Bhuvan, Nepean Sea Road after a brief illness, due to heart failure. He returned to India from a continental tour on November 21. He had a heart attack two days later, and was advised to take complete rest. He again got an attack about 10-45 on Thursday night which proved fatal.

He leaves behind his wife, son and two daughters and a large circle of friends.

Border Police Exchange Fire In Bengal

SMUGGLERS REAP HARVEST

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21 (PTI).

INDIAN and Pakistani border police forces exchanged fire on Tuesday over the harvesting and reaping of paddy-crops from fields in Nadia District (West Bengal) by smugglers from Eastern Pakistan across the border, according to information received in Calcutta today.

The incident occurred at Bhatupara within Tehatta police station, about 60 miles from Calcutta. The firing started from both sides on Tuesday night and continued till yesterday morning. But no casualties were reported as jungles intervened the positions taken up by the respective forces.

Similar exchange of fire between the border police of East and West Bengal had occurred on several occasions during the past few weeks with no casualty whatsoever and the matter was discussed at a conference between the magistrates of the two border districts of Nadia (West Bengal) and Kushtia (East Pakistan), early that week. The magistrates, however, failed to come to a solution of the problem.

It is learnt that it will form the subject matter of discussion at the coming conference of the Chief Secretaries of the two states fixed for December 29 at Dacca.

Shah's Wedding Postponed

TEHERAN, Dec. 21 (PTI-Reuter).—The wedding of the Shah of Persia, Mohammed Reza, to Miss Soraya Isfandiari, daughter of Persian dignitary, has been postponed for 40 days because of the bride's illness.

ACCOUNTANT OUTWITS HOLD-UP MEN

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21 (PTI).—Two young men firing revolver shots held up a factory station wagon in North Calcutta this afternoon and drove away after forcing the driver out.

The factory accountant, only person in the car jumped off with Rs. 8,000/- which he was carrying and escaped.

No one was injured.

Where Is Stalin?

LONDON, Dec. 21 (PTI-Reuter).

Latest reports from Russia and Eastern European countries suggested that Generalissimo Josef V. Stalin would be having a quiet celebration of his 71st birthday today.

Neither the Moscow Radio nor Tass has disclosed whether the Soviet Premier is at present in Moscow or resting in his native Georgia as some recent reports have suggested.

It is not unusual, according to informed observers closely in touch with Soviet affairs, for Stalin to spend a vacation of about two months in Georgia at the end of the year.

East European countries were celebrating the birthday today and Communist parties in many countries sent their congratulations. A flood of messages from Germany's Soviet zone thanks Stalin for his "generous assistance to the German people."

In Moscow, today was a normal working day.

ONE WEEK'S TIME TO CHINA

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 21.—The U.N. Cease-Fire Committee today told the Chinese Peoples Republic that it would wait one week before making a final report to the U.N. Political Committee on the chances of stopping fighting in Korea.

Two Times For Pakistan

KARACHI, Dec. 21 (UPI).—The Pakistan Government are considering a proposal for adopting separate standard times for East and West Pakistan, it is reliably learnt here.

Uptil now Indian Standard Time as calculated by longitude 49.8 degrees (Madras) is in use in Pakistan. According to the Indian Standard Time, local time in Pakistan is about 5½ hours ahead of Greenwich at present. The new standard time for West Pakistan is expected to be only about 4½ hours ahead of G.M.T. The difference of about one hour and 26 minutes between East Pakistan will, however, continue.

MR. T. K. GHOSH

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 21 (UPI).—Mr. Tushar Kanti Ghosh, Editor, "Amrita Bazar Patrika" who is leading the Indian Press Delegation to Cairo, is leaving for Bombay tomorrow by the Calcutta-Bombay Mail. Mr. Ghosh arrived here this morning from Calcutta on his way to Bombay 'en route' to Cairo.

NO FRACTION IN BEST BUS FARES

Resolution Before Corporation

BOMBAY, Thursday.

FAR reaching changes in the BEST Bus fares schedule will be introduced by the Bombay Municipality "with immediate effect by virtue of an amended resolution passed this afternoon at a meeting of the Corporation.

Mr. S. K. Patil Mayor, presided.

The resolution approves the proposal of the BEST Committee abolishing all fares involving half anna denominations throughout "the City and island of Bombay and Greater Bombay and suitable fares involving full annas being substituted on the basis approved earlier by the Regional Transport Authority".

As a softener to the blow to which the travelling public is subjected by this measure the resolution which was passed has a clause reducing the present basis of bus fares from 12 pies per mile to 9 pies per mile. This reduction will be operative only in the suburban district.

THE RESOLUTION

The resolution reads as:— with referrence to the BEST Committee resolution of March 17, 1950, approval be given to the basis of the bus fares in the suburban district with immediate effect from 12 pies per mile to 9 pies per mile and (2) to all fares involing half anna denominations being abolished throughout the City and island of Bombay and Greater Bombay and suitable fares, involving full annas being substituted on the basis approved by the Regional Transport Authority as proposed in the General Manager's letter"

The amendment removes certain ambiguities of the original resolution, which had been moved by Mr. G. G. Morarji. Two other amendments which were moved by the Opposition were declared lost after voting.

Make Your 'Picnic Trip' Pleasant

LUCKNOW, Dec. 21 (PTI): Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Minister without Portfolio, today advised youngmen here to look upon life as a "picnic trip."

"If there are any inconveniences and difficulties in life they are just like inconveniences in a picnic trip which add to the pleasure and excitement.

"Do not think of life as a tragedy or a terrible misfortune but face the difficulties with patience and courage. The end is certain and there is no trouble after the death. Life, therefore, should be spent in joy and not in jealousy."

RAJEN BABU TO VISIT MADRAS

MADRAS, Dec. 21 (PTI): President Rajendra Prasad is visiting Madras early in March and will stay here for two days, it was officially learned today.

Atlantic Defence: Three Zones Demarcated

LONDON, Dec. 21 (PTI-Reuter).

ATLANTIC Pact Defence Ministers and military chiefs are considering the creation of three separate zones of defence stretching from Scandinavia to the Middle East, it was learned from a usually reliable source here today.

Final plans will not be made until General Eisenhower arrives in Europe as Supreme Commander of the organisation. But the lines along which they are likely to develop are:

(1) A Central European Command under the personal direction of General Eisenhower.

(2) A Northern Command spreading over Scandinavia and ports of the Baltic with a commander junior to Eisenhower and reporting through him to Atlantic Pact headquarters in Washington.

(3) A Mediterranean Command responsibility for which would rest with the British Commonwealth Middle Eastern countries and the two associate members of the Atlantic Pact, Greece and Turkey. This would probably be under a Commonwealth Commander.

General Eisenhower will set up temporary headquarters in Paris when he arrives in Europe in the new year. But informed sources here said today his eyes are on a location for his permanent headquarters further east.

They are almost certain to be somewhere in France and Strasbourg is named as a strong possibility.

It was authoritatively stated today that the Atlantic Pact Council did not reach any decision at their Brussels meeting this week on the creation of a European defence production chief.

This was merely a tentative suggestion thrown out by the Americans but no vote was taken on it and it is doubtful whether it would be possible to create such a post.

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No travelling allowance is admissible for interview. (9332)

IN THE MATTER OF THE INDIAN COMPANIES ACT 1913. AND THE NEW MOFUSSIL CO. LTD (In Voluntary Liquidation).

NOTICE

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S B. BILLIMORIA
Liquidator.

Bombay 20th December, 1950.

(9331)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JEHANGIR KAIKOSHRU MEHTA, GOOLBAI JAMSHYD MUNIFF, HIRABAI HORMUSJI MERTA and GOOLBAI SORABJI MEHTA, the proving Executors of the last Will and Testament of BAI DHUNBAIJEE MANCHERSHA MEHTA, deceased have contracted to sell to clients of ours the leasehold land situated on the Mody Bay Estate of the Bombay Port Trust admeasuring 362 2/9 sq. yds. together with the building standing thereof and bearing C.S. No.1173 of Fort Division and Municipal A Ward No. 1882, Street No. 281-49-55, Frere Road.

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Dated this 21st day of December, 1950.

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(9337)

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Dated this 21st day of December, 1950.

KAMDAR & CO.
Purchasers Attorneys.
(9335)

NOTICE

MR. SYED ISMAIL SAFAVI, the Owner of "Imperial Coffee House" in Shops Nos. 4-5-6-7 at 22, Gell Street, Agripada West Estate, Plot No. 119, Bombay, has applied to my clients for transfer of tenancy in the said shops from the name of Syed Mahomed Salehi to his name. Any objection against this transfer should be notified to me in writing within seven days hereof.

Dated this 8th day of December, 1950.

M. F. SIKANDAR.
Advocate for Trustees of Mahomedalli Noorbhai Bandookwalla Trust,
Burhani Building, 57 Sarang St. Bombay No. 3.
(9334)

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

IN PURSUANCE of Statute 135, Registered Graduates of the University of Bombay are hereby notified that applications for recording changes, if any, in the Electoral Roll of Registered Graduates should be made to the Registrar, University of Bombay, not later than 31st January, 1951. Applications received after the said date will not be attended to.

Copies of the existing Electoral Roll are kept in all the Colleges affiliated to the University and are available for reference at the Colleges.

By order,
B. A. PATEL,
Ag. University Registrar.

Bombay 14th December, 1950.
(9330)

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MUNSHI'S "JUGGLERY" BAFFLES BOMBAY

State Not Informed Of Sugar Decontrol

BOMBAY, Thursday.

THE reported decision of the Government of India to scrap sugar rationing, coming on top of the decision of the Bombay Government to reduce the quantum of rationed sugar, has created consternation in the public mind, in Bombay.

From the recent experience of what has happened and is still happening in respect of jaggery, everyone in the city feels that the so-called "Informal Rationing" is no rationing at all. After the second week of November jaggery has been unobtainable except in the black market.

BOMBAY NOT INFORMED

The Government of Bombay had not received any directive from the Centre till Thursday evening intimating the decision to decontrol sugar.

Their decision to cut the weekly sugar ration was taken independently and on account of shortage of supplies. The Government of Bombay will reduce the sugar quantum per card from eight ounces to six ounces per week in the city of Bombay, and instead of a twelve-ounce quota per adult per fortnight in the districts the total quantum per adult now will be twelve ounces per month. The ration cut will take effect from January 1.

In the circumstances, the question asked everywhere is "How could the Centre give up statutory rationing of sugar when actually an important State like Bombay is compelled to cut down the ration quantum by two ounces per week, owing to the supply position?"

Enquiries made in Government quarters showed that the ration shops will continue to get their supplies from Government. The ration shops in the city and the State will continue to get their supplies on the basis of six ounces commencing from the 1st of January.

As Mr. Dinkerrao Desai, Minister for Food and Civil Supplies has not stirred out of his bungalow for the last two or three days on account of indisposition, the Bombay Government's reaction to Mr. Munshi's latest 'jugglery' was not available.

FOOD SUBSIDIES

It was reliably learnt today that the Government of Bombay are strongly opposed to the stoppage of food subsidies to the State by the Centre. It is learnt that the Government of Bombay have been in correspondence with the Centre with regard to this question and the matter remains still to be finalised. The Centre's efforts to effect an economy of Rs. 20 crores by stopping food subsidies to the States will, it is stated, compel the States' Governments to raise the prices of cereals. Such a step it is pointed out would cause great hardships to the middle and lower classes.

Work On Negative Protons

REPORTS READ AT ATOM CONFERENCE

BOMBAY, Thursday: Recent work on fundamental particles like negative protons, results at Britain's Harwell atomic energy station, and measurement of latitude effect of cosmic ray showers in the Indian region were communicated to the international conference on elementary particles today.

Dr. N Feather (Britain) explained to the delegates the latest attempts to detect negative protons and di-neutrons through nuclear transmutations and bombardments.

A report on recent work at Harwell—by Nobel laureate J D Cockroft—was read in the morning session. Harwell was measuring the total cross-sections of various elements using neutrons produced from its cyclotron, the biggest of its kind in the world. The study of energy distribution of the particles and production of beryllium (7) by bombarding carbon (12) with protons were other results from Harwell announced to the conference.

Mr. A.W. Mailvaganam (Ceylon) described his investigations to measure latitude effect of penetrating cosmic showers in Colombo. Dr. Vikram Sarabhai (India) reported on the variation of cosmic showers with atmospheric conditions. He said the latitude effect measurements would continue at Ahmedabad Simla and Kodaikanal to fulfil the great need for accurate upper-air data in India.

Light Showers In Tamilnad

ALL INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Dec. 21 (PTI): Following is the all India weather summary for December 21st 1950.

Weather has been dry over the country except for a few light-showers in coastal Tamilnad.

Night temperatures were 6-12 degrees F. below normal in the Punjab (I), Rajasthan, Saurashtra and Kutch and North Gujarat.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL THE EVENING OF 22nd: Weather will be dry over the country except for local showers in Travancore-Cochin and a few light showers in Tamilnad, North Madhya Bharat and the contiguous districts of Uttar Pradesh.

Night temperatures will rise in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

Following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours, total rainfall from October 1st 1950 and departure from normal, recorded at 08-30 hours IST on 21-12-1950.

Akola 87 59 0 0.1 minus 2.8 Allahabad 81 57 0 0 minus 9 Baroda 83 42 0 0 minus 2.6 Bhopal 84 55 0 0.1 A BOMBAY 83 65 0 1.4 minus 1.7 Calcutta 83 60 0 15.8 plus 10.3 Cherrapunji 64 47 0 19.8 minus 2.6 Cochin 87 72 0 18.9 minus 2.4 Cuttack 81 59 0 11.3 plus 4.1 Delhi 77 41 0 0 minus 0.8 Gwalior 77 52 0 0.1—Hyderabad 82....Indore 83 52 0 0.1 minus 1.9 Jaipur 75 43 0 0 minus 0.8 Jamnagar 75 40 0 0 minus 0.4 Kolhapur 86 55 0 7.8 Lucknow 82 50 0 0.1 minus 1.5 Madras 83 72 0 11.8 minus 18.4 Mussoorie 54 41 0 0 minus 2.3 Mysore 78—0 7.5 minus 1.5 Nagpur 83 56 0 0.5 minus 2.8 Ootacamund 70 37 0 13.2 minus 2.5 Pachmarhi 77 51 0 0.2 minus 3.1 Poona 90 54 0 2.8 minus 1.9 Rajkot 77 42 0 0 minus 0.9 Ranchi 86 55 0 1.3 minus 2.5 Shillong 62 43 0 10.5 plus 2.1 Simla 48 38 0 0.3 minus 2.2 Trivandrum 88 69 0 .4.5 minus 5.2 Udaipur 75 37 0 0 minus 0.8.

LANDLORD'S RIGHT TO EJECT

High Court Decision

BOMBAY, Thursday.

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice).

Jayantilal Muljibhai Parikh
Applicant.

vs.

Occhavlal Vithaldas Parikh
Respondent.

Observing that conditions of family life in India were different from those in other countries, His Lordship dismissed with costs a Civil Revison Applicaton by a tenant from Ahmedabad.

The respondent landlord whose family included five brothers residing with him had let two of his six rooms to the applicant in 1942. Since then one of his younger brothers had become a doctor and had married, while two children had since been born to another brother. The respondent thereupon filed an ejectment suit against the applicant on the ground that he required the two rooms for his personal use. The applicant tenant contended that since both the brothers in question had independent incomes, they could not be considered members of the landlord's family. The lower Appellate Court having passed an ejectment decree against the tenant, he applied to the High Court in Revision.

LANDLORD'S NEED

Holding that the personal need of the landlord included the needs of all others members of the family who had been staying with him from the beginning, and that it could never have been the intention of the Legislature in India that the members of a family as they grow up and marry and earn independently should be driven out of the family, His Lordship confirmed the ejectment decree passed by the lower Court and dismissed the application with costs.

Municipal Body Condoles Death Of Sardar

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A condolence resolution on the death of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister of India, was passed at a meeting of the Municipal Improvements Committee held this afternoon.

Mr. Ganapatishanker N. Desai, who presided, said in the course of his speech, that Sardar Patel would remain immortal in the history of this nation, and would ever be remembered by posterity with respect and gratitude.

The Committee adjourned without transacting any business.

Women Pay Homage To Sardar

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A public meeting of women held under the auspices of the United Women's Organisations Committee representing over 90 women's associations in the city and suburbs at Jinnah Hall today passed a resolution deeply mourning the death of the Deputy Prime Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, and expressing grief at the irreparable loss that India had suffered by the passing away of the great patriot, statesman and administrator.

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The Pulse Of The City

DAMAGES: Mr. Antony Joseph Rodrigues an ex-employee of the Anglo-Iranian Co. was awarded Rs. 2,477-15-0 as damages for wrongful dismissal by the company, by Mr. Hanover, the Principal Judge of the city civil court.

CONVICTED: Ranji Rawaji Sojpal, a landlord at Matunga, was sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 1,500 for contravening the provisions of the Iron and Steel Control of Production and Distribution Order, by the Presidency Magistrate Mr. J. M. Barot at the Girgaum Court.

SHOT HIMSELF: An young student Parmeshwarlal Kanyalal shot himself with his brother's revolver as he could not bear the separation of his wife who died last October. In a letter he left behind he gave the reason for his action.

ROBBERY: Three persons held up a businessman and relieved of him Rs. 750 on Wednesday. It is stated that while Ibrahim Laljee was out for a night drive along Cuffe Parade he was surrounded by three men and at the point of a knife they relieved him of his cash. No arrests have been made so far.

COPS ARRESTED: Seven constables of the Watch and Ward have been arrested by the police on charges of pilfering goods from Wadi Bunder Goods Yard.

VENGEANCE: A man who is said to have given information about bootlegging was stabbed at Chinchpokli station by some unknown people.

STABBED HIMSELF: One Harban Singh Sant Singh who could not persuade his wife to live according to his wishes stabbed himself in his abdomen. It is said that the youth who was unemployed persuaded his educated wife to take up to immoral living for which she didn't consent. The girl filed a case against Harban Singh in the High Court. Finding his position hopeless Harban Singh stabbed himself in his abdomen with a new pen-knife.

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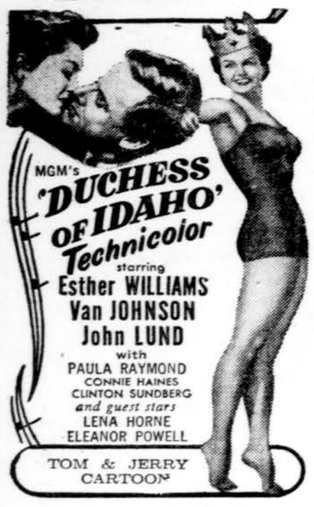

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ENGLISH FILM FARE

"MACBETH" IS STARK AND SOMBRE DRAMA

Welles' Unusual Handling

OPENING AT THE NEW EMPIRE THIS WEEK AS THE CHRISTMAS ATTRACTION, ORSON WELLES' MAGNIFICENT TRANSCRIPTION OF SHAKESPEARE'S "MACBETH" IS SURE TO AROUSE A GOOD DEAL OF CONTROVERSY. WELLES HAS ESCHEWED GLAMOUR COMPLETELY, AND THE RESULT IS THAT HIS SCREEN VERSION OF THE PLAY IS BADLY AND STARKLY GRIM.

There are none of the fancy plush sets that Hollywood loves to garnish its Shakespeare with. None of the overplaying of the macabre that has been a feature of this type of film in the past. There is an all-pervading gloom and the feel of impending tragedy, but that is part of the play itself. The result is that this film strikes one as completely realistic, from the first scene where the witches hatch their plot to the time when the head of Macbeth is lopped off and hurtles down from the battlements.

There are a liberties taken which could have been avoided. There is a part of the Liturgy introduced, which is not in the original. There is the scene where Lady Macbeth falls to her death. There is some sort of voodoo symbolism introduced into the witches' muinmery which is foreign both to the time and the place. And then there is the totally unnecessary Scottish accent with which most of the characters are made to speak. This latter point is the one that jars most, and seems to be the one instance where Welles has pandered to the desire for a new box-office slant.

But in its imagery and its powerful impact, its sense of onrushing disaster and its wonderful acting, the film should have a widespread appeal. Welles was responsible for the direction of the film and has performed the task admirably. Jeannette Nolan makes a fair though not brilliant debut as the woman who shed all the softer qualities of her sex so she could fulfil her unbridled ambitions. THIS FILM IS A MUST.

Orson Welles in "Macbeth".

Scintillating Comedy At Eros

A scintillating, off-the-beaten-track comedy comes to the Eros this week in the shape of Universal-International's "Louisa", which should make anyone with half a sense of humour roar with laughter. Original in theme and novel in presentation, "Louisa" is a fun-packed film replete with hilarious situations. A comedy of every day family problems, its ingredients are a father, mother, son and daughter and a widowed grandma around whose romantic escapades the story revolves. When Grandma, whose well-meant attempts at improving her daughter-in-law's efforts at housekeeping are resented by the family, seeks some occupation outside, she runs into a street corner grocer more by accident than by design. From now on, it is one long laugh.

The rivalry between two elderly suitors for the hand of the grandma gives rise to a situation which is aggravated by the daughter of the family choosing this particular time for a romantic problem of her own.

Ronald Reagen, as the vortex of the family whirlpool, plays a typical American father coming home to face trouble after trouble with restraint, while Spring Byington as the sprightly romantic grandma renders a delicate role with skill and sensitivity.

NEW PROGRAMME IN ICE REVUE

The Scandinavian Ice Revue, which has been entertaining Bombay for the past several weeks is held over with a change of programme. Fernand Leemans and Elvire Collin, world champions in pair-skating have the main roles in this extravaganza on ice. The number that they do in the new programme is called "Fire Dance", and is reported to be one of the best things to be seen on ice. In addition there will be all the old favourites in new and well polished routines, and those who have enjoyed themselves at this Revue during previous shows can be assured that the new items are just as good if not better. The Ice Revue enters its penultimate week at the Excelsior which had been specially renovated for this show.

CITY & SUBURBS

TODAY

Hindu: Magsar Shud 13 2007.
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Avaaj 12 1370
Parsi: Tir 21 1320
Sunrise 7-8 a.m., Sunset 6-7 p.m.
Hightide 10-14, 23-54.
Lowtide 05-08, 16-43

Today's Engagements

THE PROPHET'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE: A public meeting to celebrate the birthday of Prophet Mohmet at Anjuman-I-Islam High School at 2-30 p.m.

LECTURE: by Prof. P. A. Wadia on "fundamental rights" at the Elphinstone High School Hall, Dhobitalao, at 9-30 a.m.

MUSLIM SOCIAL WORKERS' GROUP: Public gathering at Begmohmed Baug, Mohmedali Road, at 4-30 p.m.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Study class on "duties of theosophists" at 6-30 p.m.

SOCIALIST PARTY: The annual social gathering at Sunderabai Hall, 5 p.m.

THE PRINCE OF WALES MUSEUM will remain closed to the public on Monday 25th December.

Food Grains Drawn By State Servant

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Bombay Foodgrains (Repulation of Movement and Sale) Order, 1949, has been so amended by the Government as to allow without a permit, the removal by a person of foodgrains drawn from a Government authorised shop to his place of residence.

BOMBAY, Thursday.

During November last, the working class cost of living Index number for Jalgaon (on base August 1939 equal to 100) registered a rise of seven points to 428, the index numbers for the food, clothing and miscellaneous groups having advanced by four, 16 and 28 points to 461, 478 and 542, respectively.

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Bob Hope and Lucille Ball in "Fancy Pants".

Hope In Top Gear For "Fancy Pants"

Bob Hope is back again; this time as the Beau Brummel of the Western Wilds. Complete with monocle and a synthetic elegance, he romps his hilarious way through a few thousand feet of film and leaves the audience convulsed with laughter. There is a plot and some effort at cohesion, but with the antics of Hope, any lack of these qualities is not at all noticeable.

Hope is a bogus valet employed by a matron to give her household the necessary "class". By the time he is through polishing the manners of the so-called "boors" the latter are all for throwing him bodily out of their community.

Hope has a weird and wonderful way of getting into every trouble there is. He also wriggles out of them; how, is just nobody's business! Lucille Ball is the romantic interest in the film Bruce Cabot, Jack Kirkwood an Eric Blore pop in and out of the scenes contributing their quota to Hope's all-pervading daffiness.

A FUNNY FILM AND A REALLY GOOD ONE.

Esther Williams Scores At Metro

Opulent in setting, with an array of top-ranking Hollywood stars, with music and dancing and spectacle, MGM's airy confection "Duchess of Idaho" should make an instant appeal with the host of Esther Willaims fans.

Esther romances with Van Johnson, while John Lund and Paula Raymond are the secondary romatic leads, Eleanor Powell and Lena Horne also have important numbers in this entertaining film, which opens at the Metro this week, produced by Joe Pasternak and light-heartedly directed by Robert Z. Leonard.

The plot is insubstantial, but nobody worries about that with gals like Etsher and a dozen luscious beauties romping through the scenes. There are several song numbers including "Duchess of Idaho", "Of all things' and Lena Horne's specialty number "Baby, Come out of the Clouds".

This lavishly produced film should chase away all blues for the turn of the year festive season.

TODAY'S RADIO

FRIDAY, Dec. 22.

METRE BAND:—7-30 a.m.—25, 31 and 41; 9-30—19 and 25; 11-30—13 and 19, 12-30 p.m.—13 and 19; 4-30—13 and 16; 6-30—13 and 19; 9-30—13, 16 and 25.

BOMBAY

244 m.—07-40 Prog., 07-45 Hindi lessons, 08-15 D. Tawde, asawari, 12-00 L Husain, desi, 12-50 S. Bharucha Musical centre, G. chorus songs, 13-10 Vimal Wakde, G. and Sarang, 13-40 Catherine Barr, 14-00 Violin concert in G. major, 17-30 V. K. Pradhan, Multani, 17-45 S. Bharucha Musical centre, G. chorus songs, 18-10 A. Darbar, clarionet, 18-30 D. Tawde, Khambavati, 19-00 Air artist, compositions of Sneharshmi, 19-10 Locals, 19-30 Air artist, thumri, 19-45 For industrial workers, 20-30 Radio trailer, G., 20-45 Poetry recitation, G., 21-15 V. Wakde, Bagheshri, 21-30 Lee Clark, Am. sketchbook, 21-45 University Club (discussion), 22-00 Am. Sketchbook, contd.

VARIATIONS—353 m., 07-30 Mangal Prabhat, 08-00 A. Darbar, Clarionet, 08-45 Vimal Wakde, M. songs, 11-00 Mile Jule gane, 13-00 Bhavgeet, 13-30 V. Wakde, M. songs, 13-50 D. Tawde, shudh sarang, 17-30 A. Jafri, U. talk on Id-e-Milad, 18-00 Air artist, composition of V. G. Maydeo, 18-20 For villages in M., and at 18-50 in K., 19-30 Commercial news. 20-15 Hindi lessons, M., 20-30 V. D. Raje, Economic review, M. 20-45 Month's song, M., 21-00 R. Jadhav and party, ghazals, 21-30 Saptarang, 22-00 L. Husain, basant.

BARODA

250 m., 08-15 M. song, 08-30 M. V. Gadre, bhajan, 18-20 Id-e-Milad, sp. prog., 18-30 For rural listeners, 19-00 Hindi lessons, 19-15 As in Ahmedabad, 19-30 For children, G. 20-00 M. V. Gadre, vocal, 20-10 Locals, 20-30 G. geets, 21-15 Id-e-Milad, sp. prog., 21-30 N. Pathak's G. play "kahyagaro kanth".

AHMEDABAD

326.1 m., 08-15 V. R. Athavale, thumri, 08-30 Hari darshan, 18-20 As in Baroda, 18-30 G. Joshi, folksongs, 18-45 U. Faiyazkhan, 19-00 Hindi lessons, 19-15 G. talk on Neshwo river project, 19-30 For industrial workers, 20-00 Locals, 20-05 Shirin Dubash, bhajans, 20-30 G. Joshi, folksongs, 20-45 I. Achariya, dilruba, 21-15 As in Baroda.

CEYLON RADIO

19.84, 25.05, 41.72 m.—7-15 a.m.—It's a Good Day. 7-30 BBC News. 7-45 Star of Today. 8-00 "Your Choice" Request Programme, 9-00 a.m. Band Call, 9-30 Singing Cocktail, 9-45 Rhythm with a Swing, 10-00 Round-up Time, 10-15 Favourites in Reverse, 10-30 Music, 11-00 Hindi Programme, 12-00 noon Music for Lunch, 12-30 p.m. Much Binding in the Marsh. 5-00 Hindi Film Music, 7-00 Dinner Music (Aperitif), 7-15 The Happy Gang, 7-30 Fun with Music, 7-45 Music from America, 8-00 Opera for the People, 8-30 Fiesta, 9-00 Dance Time, 9-30 Dance Time. 10-00 The Day is Ending.

DISPLACED PERSONS' CONFERENCE

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A conference under the auspices of auspices of the Pursharti Samyalen is to take place at Purandari Bag, Tilak Road, Poona, at 5 p.m. on December 23 1950, with Seth Ramkrishna Dalmia as President.

Shri Thakurdas Agnani is the Chairman of the Reception Committee and Shri Mengharaj Chabrai is the General Secretary. Both have arranged for different committees of action.

It is expected that about a lakh of displaced persons will attend the Conference.

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TYRONE POWER IN A MEDIEVAL ROMANCE

"Black Rose" At Regal

TWENTIETH Century-Fox have let themselves go in their Christmas attraction "The Black Rose", which opens this week at the Regal cinema. The stellar roles are played by Tyrone Power— as handsome as ever— enchanting new discovery Cecile Aubry, and the one and only Orson Welles.

The scene is laid in the middle ages, and shows us Power as a patriot chafing under the yoke of the Norman invader. He embarks for the far off land of Cathay, gets into a lot of troubles, gets out of them with superb aplomb, and returns to England with a sample of gunpowder, and the palns for paper, printing and the compass as well.

Power and Jack Hawkins, a homesick bowman of Merrie England, arrive in Cathay with a caravan carrying gifts to the fabulous Kublai Khan. They meet up with the Black Rose, who is the offspring of an English Crusader and a Chinese mother, run into Bayan, one of Kublai's generals who has a reputation for omniscience, and generally speaking have enough advantures to feed any man up to the back teeth.

There are moments of tenderness, there are moments that are pure poetry, there is sentiment that is mawkish and there is sentiment that is restrained and sincere. Welles acts the part of Bayan with suitable braggadoccio, but his bluff and bluster does not hide the steel that is hidden beneath a cool and calculating exterior.

The fabulous pagentry of the period comes out very well on celluloid. The barbaric customs of the Tartar hordes, and the elegance of the ancient Chinese court are brilliantly portrayed. The acting is good and the plot fairly substantial. Consequently this film should please all those who are fond of an exotic tale of adventure in a far and fabled land.

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FACING REALITIES

The rising of many voices within the U.S.A. in favour of a policy of America looking after herself is a natural consequence of international developments in the past few weeks. Faced by a string of military reverses in Korea, where U. S. Forces are heading a great U. N. action against Communism, the path of American politics has not been rendered smooth by attempts made by other nations, both Asian and European, to persuade the U.S.A. to accept a diplomatic retreat as well. It calls for something either more or less than human to expect the Americans to undertake cheerfully the responsibility of stemming the tide of Communism almost singly. The let-them-stew-in-their-own-juice attitude is a logical reaction of American publicists, though at the moment only the non-Government leaders have openly given expression to it. Such an attitude if adopted by the U. S. administration might procure temporary satisfaction but it will in the long run only bring on the very conditions that the whole democratic world is out to avert. Let it be admitted that the policy will take the U.S.A. back to its traditional role of intervening at an advanced stage of world conflicts instead of pressing to the forefront as it now has done. But it will in the first instance be a signal triumph for World Communism and the split it will create in the democratic world might well have lasting repercussions. Isolationism was never an answer to world problems but the interest shown in it by Americans today ought to serve as a useful and necessary warning to Asians and Europeans that there is an American point of view which had better be heeded. What is urgently called for is a closing of democratic ranks the world over and a united foreign policy to be pursued without hesitation. Korea which should have caused grave heart-searching about the means necessary to make resistance to Communist pressure more effective, unfortunately divided the democratic world into rival camps, each exerting itself to find some way of ending the conflict. A presidential indiscretion about the possible use of the Atom Bomb was seized eagerly upon by a peace-mad world to launch an offensive not against war, which is understandable, but against the Atom Bomb which makes no sense. If America, with the Atom Bomb in reserve, was in no position to help a nation hard pressed by the Communists, still less would she be able to rescue the nation without the Bomb; and even less still will that and other nations be able to resist that pressure without American assistance. Here is the answer then to all questions about American ability to bring timely aid in Europe or in Asia to the free nations of the world.

Solution In Sight?

While it may be premature to be too sanguine about the ultimate outcome, there is justification for feeling that wiser counsels have begun to prevail with the present rulers of Nepal. According to a statement made in Parliament by Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, the Prime Minister of Nepal has informed the Government of India that he was preparing a proclamation addressed to the people of Nepal announcing constitutional reforms and other matters before the end of the month. Much, indeed, everything will depend on the nature of "constitutional reforms and other matters". They may turn out to be essentially a mockery of popular wishes and democratic demands, or they may constitute a satisfactory enough response to both. In the latter case they will have to approximate very adequately to the three-fold suggestion made by India in the memorandum recently handed over to the Nepali Mission. The suggestion included the setting up of a constituent assembly composed entirely of properly elected members to draw up the constitution for Nepal, the formation of an Interim Government with a member of the Rana family as the Prime Minister and continuance of King Tribhuvan as King of Nepal with powers to appoint a regent to act on his behalf.

The Indian suggestion seeks to accommodate the Rana family as much as is wisely possible in the present circumstances. The King of Nepal, always commanding superstitious reverence, now in the case of King Tribhuvan, has won national respect, affection and active loyalty. If peace between the administration and the people is to be restored, King Tribhuvan must continue on the throne. But India has, in the provision for the appointment of a regent at the same time taken into account the position of the ruling Ranas. The other two suggestions together represent the best and most practical methods of reconciling requirements of democracy and the special place of the Rana family in the Government of Nepal. The Indian plan thus seeks an admirable compromise under which the Ranas while yielding to popular aspirations and right can yet save both face and also their comparatively special place in the political and administrative life of Nepal. If, however, the rulers choose the wrong alternative, namely, that of denying, save only in name, the democratic rights of the people, the inevitable consequence will be disaster. Even apart from the fact that autocracy, especially of the Rana type, has no place in any country, the continuation, despite all efforts with all the resources at the disposal of the Rana rulers to suppress it, of the revolt is a grave warning to the wise and the realist.

Towards Sane Thinking

Professor Andre Siegfried, French economist, expressed surprise that Indians were strongly opposed to "Westernisation" and "Americanisation" but were not awake to the dangers of being influenced by Russia. The reason seems fairly plain: The danger of being influenced by Russia is remote for this country. A sentiment often expressed is that Communism can never gain a foothold in India and no less a realist than Vallabhbhai Patel held this view. Moreover, Indians are aware that they need outside help for economic progress and that this help can only come from America and perhaps from the West. Therefore, they are particular about ensuring that when it comes, there will be no obligation attached to it. By no stretch of the imagination can Russia be regarded as helping India to a richer and fuller life. One resents very often the domination of those who are nearest to one whilst showing little concern over threats of dictation from rank outsiders. Prof. Siegfried, however, touched one raw spot when he said that he had even heard people speaking against America. One sees signs of this in practically every newspaper and there is no defence for an attitude that is both childish and somewhat spiteful. It is a proof of political immaturity to be unable to distinguish between sympathy for the under-dog and a blind desire to see the powerful pulled down just to satisfy one's own frustrated mood. By calling attention to this failing in the way he did, Prof. Siegfried has done a service to India. It has not escaped the notice of other foreign observers but these have paid little attention to the exhibitions of bad taste which are grotesque and fanciful and, threrefore, fail to carry conviction. It is all done with such an air of irresponsibility that it leaves very little impression beyond pandering to a sensation-craving palate. It was a symptom of the disease which Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru diagnosed as vulgarity and bad taste. No democracy has as yet devised a method of bringing more sanity into comments on foreign policy and foreign affairs. It is not likely that India will prove more successful in this respect and it is the more unfortunate because we are still cutting our teeth in foreign policy—a process which calls for more study and less rushing to conclusions. But it is difficult to convince certain people that abuse and vilification of America is not a public cause.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

He who will not reason is a bigot, he that cannot reason is a fool; and he that dares not reason is a slave.

—DRUMMOND.

Tete-a-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT

The Communist "Daily Worker" attacked the British Government for agreeing to rearm Germany and said that Mr. Attlee and Mr. Bevin were rebuilding German militarism. The paper said that the Germans would comprise one-fifth of the so-called European Army and would after a time be in a strong blackmailing position to force further concessions from America and Britain.

The paper said that Mr. Attlee and Mr. Bevin "are moving forward toward a third world war which on the part of the Germans will be a war of revenge on the Russians, the Poles and the Czechs as a preliminary to a war of revenge on the British and the French".

LONDON REPORT

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Mr. L. B. Bhopatkar's thesis re: the project of a new parliamentary political front of the Hindu Mahasabha:—

"Since it would not be correct for the Sabha to expect non-Hindus joining in the parliamentary activities of the Sabha to act as the agents of an organisation, of which they were, not members and carry out its parliamentary programme, therefore

It would be better for the Sabha to start a new political front whose main principles would be principles of 'nationalism and democracy' to get the co-operation of non-Hindus to further the objectives of the, Hindu Mahasabha."

Therefore, it would be quite correct and all right to get non-Hindus to work for the objectives of the Hindu Mahasabha, of which they aren't and can't be members, Q.E.D.

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When asked at a New Delhi, press conference about India's advice against crossing the 38th Parallel, the U.S. Senators, T. S. Green and Homer Ferguson expressed disagreement with that advice and said: "You cannot fight an aggressor with one hand behind your back."

And now?

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By the way, a North Korean announcement declares that North Korean forces will, with the assistance and co-operation of Chinese—volunteers "liberate" the whole country.

That is to say, the Chinese have decided to cross the 38th Parallel in their turn?

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Mr. Harindranath Chattopadhyaya, one of the Indian Peace pilgrims to the Warsaw Conference has announced himself "deeply impressed" by what he saw in Czechoslovakia and Poland. For instance, said Mr. Chattopadhya, there were lavish stocks of food in the shops and a wealth of toys and first class goods of every description for those who could afford to buy them.

"For those who could afford to buy them"—we hereby proclaim ourselves as deeply impressed by those words of Mr. Chattopadhyaya and we loudly applaud him.

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Mr. Harindranath Chattopadhyaya alo added with equal warmth and enthusiasm that "huge buildings were springing up at great speed."

For those who could afford to have them?

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WASHINGTON: President Truman expressed the hope today that in the next year the world would come closer to realising its "ultimate dream of liberty, justice and freedom."

Yes, closer, very much closer to realising its 'ultimate dream of liberty, justice and freedom" in the next world.

INSIDE STALIN'S RUSSIA

By SIR ROBERT BRUCE LOCKHART

ON DECEMBER 21, 1950, Generalissimo Stalin celebrated his 71st birthday. Of the 31 members and alternates of the Central Committee which launched the 1917 October Revolution he alone survives to exercise supreme power. His position seems unassailable.

The dictatorship of the proletariat has become the dictatorship of one man, and today Stalin is the Tsar not only of Soviet Russia but of all Communists throughout the world.

He has husbanded a strong constitution with a strict routine, and rumours of ill-health have never been confirmed. The few foreigners who have seen him during the last two years have noted no marked change, beyond that of increasing age, in his his physical or mental vigour.

Josef Stalin

By all calculations, however, he is an old man who has lived through strenuous times, and in all the capitals of the world, including Moscow itself, one question is asked persistently: what changes will take place in the Soviet Union when he dies?

Official opinion in the Western world envisages no great alternation in the Soviet system, and for the West this is the safer and sounder view. There are, however, many factors to be considered: the quality of his successor or successors; the measure of discontent which may exist in the Soviet Union the permanence of the whole or part of what he has created; and the characteristics of the Rusian people.

LIKELY SUCCESSOR

As regards the succession, one surmise can be made with full confidence. It will be a long time before any leader can achieve the authority and prestige which Stalin has created for himself during the 26 years of his reign. It took him 17 difficult years, plus the added glory of a victorious war, to establish both the the authority and the prestige.

Moreover, when Lenin died, it was clear to all observers that the struggle for the leadership would be between Stalin and Trotsky. As General Secretary of the Party Stalin held the inner levers of the political machine and, aided by Trotsky's failure to attend Lenin's funeral, his triumph was assured.

Today no such struggle is apparent, nor can the chances of the possible candidates be assessed by any other means than by their proximity to Stalin on official occasions and by their order of precedence on official lists.

Stalin has never allowed tall poppies to grow round him, but in precedence Molotov comes first. He was Stalin's associate in the editorial room of 'Pravda' before World War I and will be 61 in March. Already he looks an old man. He has never been a popular figure, nor, in the opinion of those who have had to deal with him, does he possess the qualities of leadership.

FORMIDABLE FIGURE

A more formidable figure is Malenkov, a younger man whom Stalin sent to Stalingrad at a critical moment of the war and who now holds the key post of Secretary of the Party. There is also Berya, who controls the vast network of security. But of the remaining few who help to guide the destinies of the Soviet Union, Mikoyan is the most able.

But there is no one who stands out as a potential successor. In my opinion, a military dictatorship is unlikely. During the war the Generals were exalted, but as soon as hostilities ceased they were made to resume their previous anonymity. They are, however, one of the privileged castes and, if their loyalty and submission to Stalin are unquestionable, they have neither the same regard nor respect for his civilian colleagues. To this extent Stalin's demise would make the task of his successor more difficult.

That discontent exists in the Soviet Union is acknowledged by all the so-called experts who, however, differ widely in their appraisal of its extent and of its power to cause serious trouble to the regime.

PUBLIC FEELING

General Bedell Smith, who was American Ambassador in Moscow from 1946 to 1949 and who takes a soldier's view, does not accept the picture which some writers have given of seething resentment against the dictatorship. In his opinion the vast majority of the people now living in the Soviet Union have no idea of personal liberty Those Russians who understood the processes of democracy are now in exile, in prison or dead.

On the other hand, Sir Maurice Peterson, who was the British Ambassador during the same period, discerns in the Russian people "a certain yearning for better times for more beauty, for less dragooning in their lives, for greater contact with the outside world".

NEW "CASTE" SYSTEM

There is also the evidence of ex-Communists—men like Ignazion Silone and others who were members of the Comintern and who are shocked by the cruelty of the regime and by what they consider the betrayal of the revolution. In broad outline the picture they draw is as follows:

Although social classes have been abolished, there is now a new system of "castes". The ruling castes, subdivided from Stalin down to the smallest functionary, have all the power and all the privileges. The lowest caste includes the workers and peasants who represent 80 per cent of the Rusian people and who are exploited in a degree unknown in any Western democracy. Intrigues and personal rivalries abound in the ruling caste to an extent comparable with the corruption of an ancient Oriental court. Discontent is widespread and, although unable to express itself forcibly for the moment will one day prevail over despotism

This picture may be over-drawn, but it is present in the minds of the despots themselves who, after 33 years of absolute power, still live in a rigidly guarded seclusion. There are, too, clear indications that Stalin has no desire for a war in which the Soviet Government might appear to the Russian people to be the aggressor.

AIM OF PROPAGANDA

Stalin belongs to the pre-revolutionary era when it was an accepted principle of the revolutionaries that Tsarism could not be overthrown without a war. Today the principle works in reverse, and it is for this reason that Soviet propaganda seeks persistently to create in the minds of the Russian people the perpetual fear of an aggressive attack by the West.

It is a policy fraught with danger both for the world and for the Politburo, for when the hand of Stalin is no longer in control, the principle that the Soviet Union must never fight a war of aggression might no longer be observed.

It is difficult to foresee the form which increasing discontent might take. If in one sense the Stalin revolution has been reactionary, it has also been creative, and the economic changes which have taken place during the last 30 years have been far-reaching. It possible to envisage violent revolt against authority, but a radical change in the economic and social system is unlikely, and still more improbable, except over a period of long years, is an approach to anything like Western democracy.

In the last resort the issue will be decided by the Russian people. In character they are extremists moving between periods of long passivity and short violent eruptions. Individually they incline to gentleness. Nor are they at heart a warlike people. Nevertheless, at different stages in their history they have rebelled against the central authority, and the rebellions have been characterised by savage cruelty.

The characteristics of a race do not alter easily, but there is one profound difference between the Russia of the Tsars and the Soviet Union of Stalin. The people have learned to read, and, although their literature is controlled, the Russian and, indeed, the foreign classics are free, and in the works of authors like Pushkin, Gogol Dickens and Shakespeare there is material enough to kindle new fires of liberty.

RELIGION

Moreover, religion, to which Communist dogma is ruthlessly opposed, has neither withered away nor been wiped out by force.

During the war Stalin found it necesary, for patriotic reasons and for the security of the regime itself, to meet the upsurge of religious sentiment by relaxing the anti-God propaganda and the oppression of the Orthodox Church.

Though the Orthodox Church has no political power and, in fact, gives official support to the regime, the religious sentiment engendered by the war has not died, and today the churches of the large Soviet cities are filled not only by the aged, but by young Soviet citizens and officers born since the revolution. The curious fact remains that educations, so far from killing religions, has revived it.

So alarmed have some of the militant Communists become that they are demanding stronger measures for the extirpation of religion, not by violence, but by a more vigorous propaganda.

In the final count it may well be that education and religion will be the turning-point in a reaction not so much against Socialism as against the savage methods by which it is applied.

SUPPRESSED NATIONALISM

The toll of savagery has been formidable, and there can be few Russian families which have not had some direct or indirect experience of its ruthlessness. For 25 years the whole vast structure of the various Soviet Republics, now 16 in number, has been held together by a strongly centralised regime of which Stalin is the predominant and all-powerful figure. In all these Republics, and also in the satellite Communist countries, there are elements of suppressed, but still latent nationalism. Moreover, with the exception of Lenin, the men who made the October Revolution were under 30. Today the average age of the Politburo is nearer 60.

The grip of old men on new countries is proverbially weak, and changes will be inevitable. These changes may be gradual or convulsive. They may be for better or for worse, but the pasing of Stalin from the scene will mark the end of an epoch in the history of Russia.

IMPROVEMENT IN TELANGANA

Gen. Rejendrasinghji's Impressions

HYDERABAD (DN), Dec. 21 (PTI): Lt. General Rajendrasinghji, G. O. C.-in-C., Southern Command, told pressmen here tonight that since his last visit to the "disturbed area" of the Telangana tract of Hyderabad eight months ago, the situation there had now become "distinctly favourable".

The police force in the area seemed confident of having the situation under control. He also found there was very good understanding and liaison between the military and the civil administration there.

The General thought that there was lot more normality in the countryside now and poor people went about their avocations with a greater sense of security.

New Saurashtra High Court Judge

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (PTI).—Mr. Mohan Lal Chunilal Shah has been appointed a judge of the Saurashtra High Court with effect from the date he assumes charge of his office, says an announcement today.

WITH ALL THY HEART

By Acharya Vinoba Bhave

I SAW in Marathi a Berlin news item to the following effect:—"The Communist youth league in the Soviet occupied Germany have declared that it was futile in present times to celebrate the birth-day celebrations of Jesus. Instead it would be in the fitness of things to celebrate 21st December, the birth-day of the present great man of the age, Marshal Stalin.

The Independent German League has also supported the idea and decided to celebrate Stalin birthday on a grand scale".

The sincerity underlying the statement attracts attention. Minds of young men are generally transparently candid. They cannot tolerate hypocrisy, and are strongly impelled to discard old customs and institutions, when they find them tainted with hypocrisy. And hypocrisy has entered the observances of practices of all religions including Christianity, Hinduism, and Islam. Hence the youth inspired with new ideology detest of those celebrations, condemn the religions responsible for starting them, and hate their great founders along with the deity worshipped by them.

HYPOCRISY

It reminds me of the story of the "Sarp-Satra" (Serpent-Sacrifice), when Takshak, the Prince of the Serpents, took refuge with God Indra. The enemy of the Serpents prepared to sacrifice even Indra along with Takshak. But Indra being invincible Takshak also was saved with him. Hypocrisy is not eliminated by condemning the principles and the great founders of religion or God. It simply pervades the condemners themselves.

It would have been a different matter if these young men, having refused to celebrate Christ's Birthday had freed themselves of the slavery to all such celebrations. But when they evince such enthusiasm to pay devoted homage to an ordinary human leader, who is not free from the influences of passions, their condition is pitiable. Such worship of man is the worst of all idol-worships.

But the present educational systems, prevailing till now in several countries of the world, is so designed that it does not allow the growth of independent thinking in students, and is at once suppressed if it is found to develop. In the name of national education only Government sponsored Education is imparted in all the places. And this is the result.

In our country, we never celebrate birthdays of any one, except those of Rama, Krishna and others clothed with divinity. Even great saints had their death-anniversaries celebrated. Hundreds of great men were born during the last five thousand years in our country. It is unusual among us to celebrate their birthdays. We do celebrate birthdays of young children. But of late we have begun to fondle grown-up people and even very old ones. We have all as if become babes.

OPPOSITE POLES

Jesus and Stalin are at two opposite poles. The well-known message of Jesus was", Love thy enemy with heart and soul." That of Stalin is just the opposite. In an order of the Day, during the rectnt great war, he said to his soldiers," You are fighting the Germans with all your weapons, but that is not sufficient. You must hate them with all your heart and soul, '

That is why their deity is now to replace Christ who was Love incarnate.

'Love with all thy heart", and "Hate with all thy heart', are contrary messages. But even there, there is a common factor in them, viz. doing so 'with all one's heart" I take this very common factor, and say, "Do whatever you like, but do with all your heart." And experience will show you that it is impossible for a human being to hate with all his heart. He will then take to the path of Love. May be, Jesus might be forgotten, but if Love survives, Jesus will still feel extremely happy.

Translated from Hindi,
Parandham, Paunar, 15-12-50

INDO-PAK TALKS

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (PTI): The Indo-Pakistan Secretariat level conference has agreed upon setting up of a machinery for helping the implementation of certain agreements as the result of which, it is hoped, the migrants from one country to the other would be able to obtain payments of their claims of various kinds.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Khadi

The case of Khadi is dear to many an Indian's heart not only for its political significance but also from the economic and the humanitarian point of view. Lakhs of people have worn coarse and expensive khadi in preference to finer, cheaper and more lasting Indian or foreign mill cloth. But there are signs that the enthusiasm for khadi is waning and many people are turning either to uncertified Khaddar or mill-made cloth. The condition of tendering self-spun yarn before certified Khadi could be sold to an individual also forced many people to patronise uncertified brands. Fortunately that condition no longer exists. But certified Khadi still remains more costly than the uncertified one. Mr. Sri Prakasa, the Commerce Minister, replying to the debate on the Khaddar (Protection of Name) Bill, justified the high price of certified Khadi on the grounds that the All India Spinners' Association was paying higher wages to spinners than private employers and it was not advisable to make a law to reduce workers' wages. If such is the case, we feel that the Bill will not give an appreciable lift to certified Khadi nor protect it from the competition of the uncertified variety. As long as the latter is hand-spun and hand-woven and bears close resemblance to the certified Khadi, there will be people who will patronise it, even if it is not called Khadi or Khaddar. They will be paying less and still have the satisfaction of not violently breaking away from their habit of wearing Khadi nor presenting a different appearance to their acquaintances. It is true that this involves a certain amount of hypocrisy. But is not keeping up appearance a human failing? If certified Khadi is to regain its past popularity and serve to a greater extent spinners' and weavers' interests, then the All-India Spinners Association must concentrate on producing better and more lasting Khadi and make it cheaper so that it will not be a strain on people who want to wear it habitually Today wearing Khadi has become either a luxury or a sacrifice to be made for the sake of patriotism.

Housing Needs

In a statement issued to the press, the U. N. Mission of Experts on Tropical Housing observe, "we find Bombay very interesting and beautiful but in it are also seen awful slums, cruel and inhuman". How true! Many Bombay citizens will agree heartily with it and bemoan the slow rate at which the Government and private building programmes are proceeding. The experts realise the seriousness of the Housing problem in India and reduce it to the question "whether India has to continue much longer at two families to the room or whether it is possible now to reach an average of say at least two rooms for each family". In what way the United Nations can help India in Housing and Town and country planning is still not clear. Publications of Bulletins on the subject, survey of experiments in other countries and sending of special missions is not going to be of much use beyond the initial stage. What we require are means of producing building materials, expert advice and technical guidance on new substitutes for the traditional building materials and if possible, finance to launch gigantic housing schemes.

Quick Action Needed

The Mission states that the U. N. has no international arrangements to finance any part of the domestic cost of housing but there is a possibility of internationally financing imports of equipment and machinery for producing building materials. No doubt the Government of India will pursue the matter in this respect. If such equipment and machinery is available, instead of keeping it for sale in the open market the Government should distribute them only to housing boards sponsored by them and to co-operative societies till the housing crisis is eased a bit. The experts' view that the only hope for swollen cities like Bombay is to disperse them in a planned way, needs careful attention. The recent spurt of building activity in the city does not seem to be based on a well-considered plan. The series of blocks which are springing up at Worli next to an open sewage can be cited as an example. Also the Municipal planners are taking too long to arrive at decisions. Private builders and co-operative societies have to hold up their activities because the Mahim Wood scheme is to be still chalked out. Opening up of new areas, building up of colonies and linking them up by efficient transport with the city proper have to be done simultaneously. It is a job not for one man or department but must be planned together at a higher level by the men at the helm.

OF ALL THINGS

Statistics (In A BIG Way)

SOYABEAN production in the United States in 1950 was 275,000,000 bushels. This is 24 per cent more than last year and a 23 per cent increase over the 1948 record.

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Thirty two colleges, universities, and agencies are represented in the Greater New York Council for Foreign Students in New York.

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More than 20 portraits of eminent Negro leaders including Dr George Washington Carver and Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, displaced at the Pioneer Young Women's Christian Association here attracted wide attention in Boston. The same collection of portraits has been exhibited in 36 communities and seen by more than 200,000 persons.

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More than 22,000,000 American families own their own homes. This is more than the number of families that rent homes and nearly twice the number of home owners in 1940.

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Each month, U. S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson received an average of 18,000 letters addressed to him personally.

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Only one mother in 1,000 died during live child-birth in the Unted States during 1949. This was an all-time low and compares with 6.2 deaths per 1,000 in 1933.

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At Hollywood, almost 20,000 persons representing 272 arts, crafts and trades, help to make American motion pictures.

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An average of 87,000,000 telephone calls are made every day in the United States. This represents an increase of 63 per cent during the past half-century.

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Roof bolting is now holding up 37,000,000 square feet of roof surface in 350 coal mines in America.

CUT OUT R AND KEEP

REVISED RATION QUANTUM

Foodgrains ration quantum for the 52nd Rationing Week commencing from Sunday, December 24, 1950 to Saturday, December 30, 1950, has been fixed as follows:—

Total Cereal Ration Per Week	Per Adult (2 Food grains Units.)	Per Child (1 Food grains Unit.)	Per Heavy Manual Labourer's Supplementary Ration Card of One Unit.
Total Cereal Ration Per Week	2½ Seers = 40 Chhataks.	1¼ seer = 20 Chhataks	¾ seer = 14 Chhataks
Maximum available in Rice	10 Chhataks.	5 Chhataks.	2 Chhataks
Of which—			
(a) Raw Rice Sort I-A .. or	10 „	5 „	2 „
(b) Raw Rice Sort I .. or	6 „	3 „	2 „
(c) Raw Rice Sort I-C .. or	6 „	3 „	2 „
(d) Raw Rice Sort II .. (if available) or	6 „	3 „	2 „
(e) Boiled Rice Sort I-C ..	10 „	5 „	2 „
Maximum available in Wheat	20 „	10 „	8 „
Of which—			
(a) Maximum available in Wheatgrain ..	20 „	10 „	8 „
(b) Maximum available in Wheatflour .. (if available).	20 „	10 „	Nil.
(c) Additional Wheatgrain and Wheatflour available in exchange for Rice ..	10 „	5 „	2 „
Maximum available in Milo..	10 „	5 „	4 „

(16 Chhataks make one Seer).

Bread Tickets at the rate of one Bread Unit against the surrender of 7/8 seer or 14 Chhataks of wheat ration, are available upto the total quantity of wheat quota permissible during the ration period. One Bread Unit is equivalent to 14 Chhataks of Bread.

Bread is available on production of Bread Tickets only during the week marked on the Tickets and upto Saturday of the following week.

As a measure to reduce consumption of rice, cardholders are allowed to draw their rice quota wholly or in part in wheatgrain and wheatflour. The combined Rice-Wheat quota should not exceed 30 Chhataks of which 10 Chhataks will be available in Rice.

SUGAR

The quantum of Sugar for the 52nd Rationing Week continues to be 4 Chhataks (1/4 seer) per ration card.

RURAL RATIONING TO END IN MADRAS STATE

Scheme To Be Taken Up In Gradual Stages

MADRAS, Dec. 21 (PTI).

THE Madras Government have decided to abolish informal rationing in rural areas in gradual stages, making a beginning in January next, the State Food Minister, Mr. J. L. P. Roche Victoria, said in a press interview today.

Statutory rationing was being simultaneously introduced in large urban areas in the surplus districts, he said. Rural rationing would not, however, be abolished in the Nilgiris and Malabar, "the chronically deficit" districts.

The Food Minister said the food situation in each village would be considered before informal rationing was abolished so that the change-over might not cause any serious dislocation. The State had been classified into four broad groups: surplus, self-sufficient, deficit and hopelessly deficit areas, which would form the order of priority in the matter of abolition of rural rationing. The Food Minister said that procurement in deficit districts would be given up, but it would be continued in the surplus districts.

SIX OUNCE SCALE

Asked when the present six ounce scale of rice ration would be enhanced to eight ounce the Food Minister said that it would be done as early as possible when conditions permitted. He said Madras had been allotted four lakhs tons of foodgrains for next year against a demand of 7.38 lakhs tons. "We will press the Central Government for more", he said.

The food situation in the State was earlier considered at an informal meeting of the Ministers, Mr. P. S. Kumaraswami Raja, Chief Minister, presiding. The Food Minister is understood to have explained the decision reached at the Food Ministers' conference held recently in Bombay.

Refused To Serve Tea To Harijan, Fined Rs. 51

LUDHIANA, December 21 (PTI): The Additional District Magistrate yesterday issued an order directing a local hotelkeeper to pay a fine of Rs. 51 or in default to undergo one month's rigorous imprisonment on a charge of refusing to serve tea to a Harijan customer.

Sabha's Support To Government

KHARE'S CONDITIONS

(From Our Correspondent.)

JUBBULPORE, Dec. 21.

"In case a third world war breaks out and India is threatened with external aggression and internal anarchy, Hindu Maha Sabha will undoubtedly stand by the Government in maintaining law and order and safeguarding the country's independence" declared Dr. N. B. Khare, President of the All-India Hindu Maha Sabha at a press conference here today.

Dr. Khare said that since Sir Owen Dixon had already declared Pakistan an aggressor in Kashmir India should demand the expulsion of Pakistan from the U. N.

Commenting on the food position, he blamed the Government of India for its unsettled policy. He disapproved the zamindari abolition "as it is not beneficial to the agriculturists and landlords". The Government of India's foreign policy, he said, was not sound and suggested formation of a third bloc to help the countries in South-East Asia which, he claimed, have ideological similarities.

Telengana Pleas Rejected

HYDERABAD, Dec. 21 (PTI): Mr. Justice Khaleeluzzaman Siddique, at the Hyderabad High Court today, rejected the application of twelve "condemned persons" of Telengana for leave to appeal to the Supreme Court against the death sentence passed on them in May last.

His Lordship, in rejecting the application, observed, "I see no effective substantial question of law (as to the interpretation of the constitution) is involved and no special ground has been made out under Articles 132 and 134 (1) of the Constitution of India."

Justice Khaleeluzzaman Siddique added: "The Advocate-General says that he believes that the death sentences will be submitted to H. E. H. the Nizam for his sanction, but that he can only make a binding statement in this regard after consulting the Government as the legal position has to be examined by the Government."

Telengana Detenus Released

HYDERABAD, Dec. 21, (PTI): A division bench of the Hyderabad High Court consisting of Justices Sripatrao Palnitkar and Muhammed Ahmed Ansari today ordered the immediate release of two persons (Mustan and Venkiah) of Telengana held in detention in Jalna jail since February this year.

Their Lordships who passed orders on an application for the issue of habeas corpus filed on behalf of these "detained persons" observed that their detention was "illegal" as no grounds had been furnished to the detenus for their custody.

Release Of Red Detenus Ordered

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21, (UPI): Holding that their detention was illegal, Mr. Justice Sen and Mr. Justice Chunder in the Calcutta High Court today directed the West Bengal Government to release the 65 detenus now under detention in different jails of the State under the Preventive Detention Act.

PAKISTAN WANTS KASHMIR

Liaquat Also Swears By Peace

MYMENSINGH (West Bengal), Dec. 21 (PTI).

Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan said here that Pakistan always wanted a peaceful settlement of the Kashmir problem, but it would never allow any other country to reign in Kashmir.

The Pakistani Prime Minister who arrived here yesterday from Dacca was addressing a public meeting held in the evening. He declared that Kashmiri Muslims would not remain slaves to anybody.

Mr. Liaquat Ali said that Pakistan's financial position was "highly sound." She would stick to her principle of non-devaluation.

The Prime Minister referred to the question of the Basic Committee report and said the report was drafted in the interest of Pakistan. Much of its criticism, was either ill-informed or misleading. He, however, said that people of Pakistan would be the best judge of the report. The consideration of the report had been postponed to January 31 next year, he added.

Ahmedabad Bans Begging

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 21 (PTI).

The District Magistrate has applied the Beggar's Act within the municipal limits of Ahmedabad and prohibited begging for alms in any street.

SATYAGRAHA FOR MORALS

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 21 (UPI): A warning to the authorities that they would resort to satyagraha if immoral traffic in their locality was not checked, was given by the residents, including some Congressmen, of the suburbs in the city in a petition sent to the District Superintendent of Police.

It is stated that the attention of the authorities was drawn to the evil prevailing in this area, but without any effective steps being taken. The petition has also been addressed to the Home Minister of Bombay Government through the Taluka Congress Committee in this connection.

FINANCE BODY'S SANCTIONS

Funds For Various Industries

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (PTI): The Standing Finance Committee of the Government of India meeting here yesterday approved the setting up of a machine tool factory in India with the assistance of a Swiss firm, it is officially learnt.

The Committee also approved funds for the construction of three ships at Vishakhapatnam Ship Building Yard, establishment of a telephone cable factory in India, extension of telephone system in Madura and Surat, provision of more funds for the national laboratories set up during the year and launching of a new scheme of advanced training in maternity and child health in Delhi.

An additional expenditure of Rs. 2,29,500 to be incurred by the Supreme Court of India during the current year was another item approved by the Committee. The expenses are in connection with the setting up of the Hyderabad Bench of the Supreme Court to hear certain pending appeals transferred to it from the Judicial Committee of Hyderabad Court under the Constitution.

DISBURSEMENT

The Swiss firm with which the Government of India had entered into an agreement in April last year for establishing a machine tool factory has agreed to provide the technical know-how of machine tools. It will subscribe ten per cent of the share capital which the Government of India have the option to buy at the end of 20 years.

For building three ships at Vishakhapatnam, the Committee approved of an expenditure of Rs. 193.5 lakhs. The grant of a loan of Rs. 10 lakhs to the Scindia Steam Navigation Company for building a third slipway at the Vishakhapatnam yard was also approved.

The factory proposed to be set up for the manufacture of insulated telephone cables at an estimated capital cost of Rs. 94.32 lakhs will be Government-owned and a profit-making concern from the outset.

B.P.C.C. Pays Homage To Sardar & Aurobindo

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Bombay Provincial Congress Committee at its meeting held at the Congress House this evening paid homage to the late Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Sri Aurobindo Ghosh.

The resolution condoling the death of Sardar Patel, which was proposed by Mr. S. K. Patil, President of the B.P.C.C., stated that the Sardar was one of the greatest architects of national freedom. His indomitable leadership carried the nation through all the stages of its struggle for freedom. After the attainment of freedom, Sardar Patel brought about the unification of India with marvellous result. His strength gave the nation stability and to the people a sense of security as also the courage to face difficulties. The resolution, concluding, stated that the Sardar's death at this moment when the country was passing through internal and external difficulties, was the greatest blow.

Mr. B. G. Kher proposed the second resolution paying the Committee's respectful homage to Shri Aurobindo Ghosh, the sage of Pondicherry and prophet of unity of mankind. The resolution stated that India was proud of Sri Aurobindo's contribution to humanity.

Both the resolutions were passed all standing in silence for two minutes.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

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NEW YORK, Dec. 21.

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MANAUR RIOTING CASE

One hundred and forty-three accused of the Manaur Agrarian rioting case were committed to sessions by a Special Magistrate here. The case is the outcome of a riot in village Manaur in Mirzapur district in June last year when a mob of about 5,000 Bihars (landless agricultural labour) attacked the village of Kurmi and looted property worth one lakh of rupees and set fire to forty houses.

POTSDAM DECISION "VIOLATED"

LONDON, Dec. 21 (PTI-Reuter):—Moscow Radio's political observer said today, "the West European Governments have embarked on a direct violation of the Potsdam decisions."

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LUSITANIAN'S 'B' TROUNCED

Hat-tricks By Two Port Trust Players

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Greater Bombay Police proved that they are far above the class of the First Division sides of the B.P.H.A. League, when they trounced Lusitanians "B" by six goals to nil in a rather toyful manner at the Cooperage this evening.

G. B. Police were full value for many more goals, but little Austin in the 'Lusis' goal' faced his hazardous task with equanimity. He was of course, nervous at first, but later recovered after the fashion of his opposite number in the opposition, Mendonca, who kept his goal intact, though tested several times.

The Lusis were not a 'cowed down' side but they were fighting a losing game throughout. Aloysius Dias their left-back deserves full marks for the way in which he cleared the ball. He is fast shaping into another 'Walter.'

The Police, however, opened their account in the opening stages of the game through. N. Rodrigues and scored five more in the second period of play through Tambe twice, Salinke once and Abbas once.

Earlier in the evening Bombay Port Trust 'B' avenged their recent defeat at the hands of Khatau Sports by trouncing them to the extent of six goals to nil in the second Division encounter.

Marcus D'Mello and J. Braganza had the unique distinction of scoring three goals each and besides both performed the hat trick. Marcus scored in the initial half, which J. Braganza scored in the second half.

B.E.S.T. Beat B. P. T. 'A'

PAREL HOCKEY LEAGUE

BOMBAY, Thursday.

In the First Division of Parel Hockey League the B.E.S.T. Sports Club scoring the only goal of the match, got the better of the senior combination of Bombay Port Trust, who failed to reply at the St. Xavier's College Gymkhana ground, Parel, this evening.

In the first half both sides enjoyed an even share of the exchanges. Just before the changing ends centre-forward D. Bhimrao scored the all important goal for B.E.S.T.

After the interval the Tramwaymen saw more of the ball but failed to add to their tally.

Earlier the junior outfit of Greater Bombay Police trounced O.C.S. Sports Club by four goals to one in Second Division. Michell (2), B. D'Souza and Kinjale were the goal getters for the winners, while Sampy scored the only goal for O.C.S.

In the first game of the evening G. B. Police "C" beat Globe Sports Club by three goals to nil in Third Division. Left inner A. D. Surme scored the hat-trick for his side.

There will be no games at Parel till the 26th of December 1950.

'Varsities Need 39 Runs To Avoid Follow-On

FIGHTING KNOCK BY GOPINATH OF MADRAS

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21 (PTI).

A glorious, unbeaten 72-run partnership between Gopinath of Madras 81 and Nazir Ali Khan of Osmania 14 took the Indian Universities XI out of a precarious position today the second day of their match against the Commonwealth Tourists.

The Commonwealth declared their first innings at 349 for nine wickets after 75 minutes' play this morning. The 'Varsities, in their reply, needed 200 run to to avoid the follow on but suffered a batting debacle and lost 6 wickets for 89 runs. Thereafter Gopinath and Ali Khan stemmed the rot and took the total to 161 at close of play.

The Varsities now need only 39 runs to avoid being asked to follow—on

The Commonwealth batsmen went for quick runs this morning. Sutcliffe and Shackleton, the overnight not outs, started to attack the Varsity bowling right from the star and added 36 runs to the total of 265 for five wickets in half an hour's play.

Their task, however, made difficult by the Gujerat leftarm Shodhan who made him medium paced deliveries break either way and varied the pace and length intelligently to send back four batsmen in quick succession. Sutcliffe, Shackleton and Stephenson were stumped when stepping out to hit him, and later dovey played him on to his wicket. The innings was declared at the fall of Dovey's wicket, the total then being zero.

Shodhan claimed these four wickets in 12.12 overs today, of which two were maidens, for 33 runs and finished with the innings analysis of 5 for 49.

Starting their reply half an hour before lunch, the Varsity youngsters made a bad start, losing six wickets for 89 in two hours and 15 minutes.

After Patankar and skipper Irani, who opened for them, and Om Prakash had been dismissed in quick succession Roy and Gopinath played stubborn cricket for forty minutes when the former was sent back.

At this stage Mysore's Adisesh played a beautiful but short innings to score 21 runs. Adisesh played a free and natural game and was not afraid to hit loose or overpitched deliveries. He and Gopinath looked like pulling the side around when Adisesh mared his grand display by bringing his bat in a vicious area to a bad ball from Dovey and was out leg before.

Adisesh's innings, however, seemed to impart courage to the hitherto dogged Gopinath who now proceeded to follow the Mysorean's example. In spite of another wicket—Shodhan's—falling at the other end Gopinath continued to play freely.

With Alikhan stonewalling at the other end, Gopinath proceeded to attack the bowling. He showed fine judgment in choosing the right balls to punish, and his unbeaten 81 contained no less than fourteen boundaries.

Gopinath's defence was immaculate and he used his feet well in stepping out to drive or pull. He scored his runs all round the wicket, mainly through drives and pulls and occasionally produced neat, beautifully timed leg glides but he was none too certain with the cut and was lucky on a couple of occasions with this stroke against Ramadhin.

SCORE BOARD

COMMONWEALTH (1st Innings)

J. T. Ikin b Irani	41
F. M. Worrell b Sheike	83
L. B. Fishlock c Nazir Ali b Roy	22
K. Grieves c Nazir Ali b Roy	1
L. E. G. Ames lbw Shodan	60
W. H. S. Sutcliffe st. Patankar b Shodan	49
D. Shackleton st. Patankar b Shodhan	32
H. Stephenson st. Patankar b Shodhan	9
R. R. Dovey b Shodan	14
A. T. Barlow not out	9
Extras	29
Total (for nine wkts. declared)	349

INDIAN UNIVERSITIES XI (1st Innings)

C. T. Patankar b Shackleton	0
B R Irani c Stephenson b Shackleton	10
P Roy b Ramadhin	10
Om Prakash b Ramadhin	4
L. T. Adisesh lbw Dovey	21
D. H. Shodhan st. Stephenson b Worrell	12
G. D. Gopinath not out	81
Nazir Alikhan not out	14
Extras	9
Total (for six wickets)	161

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
D. Shackleton	15	5	21	2
F. M. Worrell	18	8	32	1
K. T. Ramadhin	26	11	34	2
K. Grieves	4	0	21	0
R. R. Dovey	15	5	38	1
J. T. Ikin	2	0	6	0

INNINGS WIN FOR BARODA

RAJKOT, Dec. 21, (PTI): Baroda won the first round of the Ranji Trophy (West Zone) match against Saurashtra by an innings and 27 runs. Saurashtra were all out in their second innings for 164 runs.

SAURASHTRA (First Innings) ... 211
BARODA (First Innings) 402
SAURASHTRA (Second Innings)

Waghela c D. K. Gaekwad b Vivek Hazare 32, Jayantilal Vora b Gul Mahomed 8, Lalubhai c Vivek Hazare b Vijay Hazare 15, Harpal run out 53, Vijayasingh c Pradhan b Vijaya Hazare 20, Narottam b Vijaya Hazare 0, Jayendrasingh c Vijaya Hazare b Gaekwad 11, Thakore Saheb of Rajkot b Gaekwad 3, Mahipat Acharya b Gaekwad 13, Jayantilal Oza b Vijaya Hazare 2, Nayalchand not out 0. Extras 7. Total 164.

BOWLING ANALYSIS: Vijaya Hazare 25-11-38-4; Gul Mahomed 25-3-43-1; Vivek Hazare 11-3-21-1; D. K. Gaekwad 29-9-45-3; Ghorpade 8-3-10-0.

NATIONAL TENNIS TOURNEY TODAY

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21 (PTI).

The National Lawn Tennis Championships will commence here in Calcutta tomorrow. Fifty-four entries have been received for the competition. About half a dozen foreign stars, including J. Drobny (Egypt), F. Kovaleski (USA), A. J. Mottram (Great Britain), I. Dorfmann (USA), S. Davidson (Sweden) and Iftikhar Ahmed (Pakistan) are also taking part in the championships.

Dilip Bose, India's number one who was absent from the Asian Championships in Lahore, due to a strained shoulder, is now fit and participating in the singles title but he will not take part in the men's doubles.

Following are the 9 seeded players: J. Drobny (Egypt), I. Dorfmann (USA), F. Kovaleski (USA), S. Davidson (Sweden), A. J. Mottram (Great Britain), Iftikhar Ahmed (Pakistan), Dilip Bose (India) Sumant Misra (India), and Narendra Nath (India).

PUNJAB LEAD IN VARSITY ATHLETICS

Bombay Women Still On Top

ALLAHABAD, December 21 (PTI).—Two new University records were established today when the Tenth Inter Varsity Sports Meet was resumed this afternoon at the Muir Central College grounds. D. E. Sarma of Ceylon excelled his own previous record in the 800 metres race which he finished this time in 2 minutes .2 secs. his previous record being 2 minutes 1.9 seconds.

In the 4 x 400 relay race, Madras team was successful in lowering the previous Ceylon's record by point two seconds.

Bombay's women competitors triumphed again today in all the three final events, namely, discus throw, high jump and 4 x 100 relay race.

Except for a keen contest for the second place between Sati Ghosh (Utkal) and Fullin Faw (Mysore) in the 100 metres dash there was no other performance which evinced much interest.

Today's position of the teams which participated in the various events is as follows:

WOMEN'S:—Bombay 36, Punjab 15 and Nagpur 2.

MEN'S:—Punjab 28, Madras 24, Mysore 9. Ceylon 8½, Bombay 6, Karnatak 5, Osmania 3, Poona 3, Allahabad 3 and Agra ½.

The following were the results:—

WOMEN'S EVENTS:—

DISCUS THROW (FINAL): Miss. Banoo Gazdar (Bombay) 1, Miss Patwant (East Punjab) 2, Miss. D'Cunha (Karnatak) 3.

HIGH JUMP (FINAL): Miss. N. Simoesk (Bombay) 1, Miss. K. Behram (Bombay) 2, Miss Rajender Paul (East Punjab) 3.

4 X 100 RELAY RACE (FINAL): Bombay 1, Punjab 2, Nagpur 3, Time; 56 seconds.

MEN'S EVENTS:—

800 METRES RACE (FINAL): J. H. De Saram (Ceylon) 1, Jagdish Singh (East Punjab) 2, Balbir (East Punjab) 3. Time 2 min. 0.2 sec.

BROAD JUMP (FINAL): H. Rebello (Baroda) 1, R. De Rebello (Madras) 2, Inderjit Singh (E. Punjab) 3. Distance 21 ft. 6 inches.

SHOT PUT (FINAL): Gurcharan Singh (E. Punjab) 1, Omar (Osmania) 2, Chandrapandian (Madras) 3 Distance 36ft. 5-1/2 in.

JAVELIN THROW (FINAL): Chaman Lal (E. Punjab) 1, Khurshi Ahmad (Allahabad) 2, Jagmohan Singh (E. Punjab) 3, Distance 160 ft. 5 in.

4 X 400 METRES RELAY RACE (FINAL): Madras 1, Bombay 2, Ceylon 3 Time 3 mts. 28 secs. (Record).

HIGH JUMP (FINAL): Amarjit Singh (East Punjab) 1.

DISCUS THROW (FINAL): Omar (Osmania) 1, D. Ganha Madras 2, Pritam Singh (East Punjab) 3 Distance 104 ft. 4-1/4 in.

HYDERABAD POLICE ENTER SECOND ROUND

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (PTI).

Extra time again failed to decide the issue between the Indian Air Force and the Rajasthan Club, Calcutta, in the first round of the Durand Football Tournament. They scored two goals each.

In the other encounter, Hyderabad City Police, winners of the Rovers Cup, trounced New Delhi Heroes by four goals to nil, to enter the second round.

POLITICAL REFORMS IN NEPAL SOON

Nehru's Statement

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21. (PTI).

THE Prime Minister of Nepal has written to the Government of India that he was preparing a proclamation addressed to the people of Nepal announcing constitutional reforms and other matters before the end of the month, Prime Minister Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru told parliament today.

In a statement on Nepal, Prime Minister Nehru reiterated India's stand in regard to King Tribhuvan and said admist cheers that King Tribhuvan Bir Bikram Shah should continue to be King of Nepal in the interest of peace as well as stability.

INDIA'S SUGGESTIONS

Prime Minister Nehru read the text of the memorandum which the Government of India had submitted to the Nepal delegation, defining India's aims and proposals in respect of Nepal as well as Nepal's reply to it received by him on December 19.

The three-fold suggestion of India included the setting up of a constituent assembly composed entirely of properly elected members to draw up the constitution of Nepal, the formation of an Interim Government with a member of the Rana family as the Prime Minister and continuance of King Tribhuvan as King of Nepal with powers to appoint a regent to act on his behalf.

INDIA'S OBJECTIVE

Holding that the primary objective of India was that Nepal should be independent, progressive and strong, the Government of India had stated that the suggestions were made in a spirit of sincere friendship but emphasised that it was of paramount importance that the present "authoritarian regime should be liberalized in spirit as well as in structure".

Appreciating the "friendly tone of Nepal's reply", Prime Minister Nehru said that the Government of India had no desire to hurry the Government of Nepal, but warned that "the longer the political reforms and a satisfactory settlement are delayed in Nepal, the greater the danger to Nepal's security and internal tranquility"

"We were anxious" said Prime Minister Nehru that "there should be peace and stability in Nepal. At the same time, we felt that the introduction of substantial political reforms was essential for this purpose. It was on this basis of respect for Nepal's independence combined with an urgent interest in political reforms there, that we carried on our conversations with representatives of the Government of Nepal who were recently in Delhi. We explained our position fully to these representatives, General Kaiser Shumsher and Bijaya Shumsher, and, at their request, we gave them, on the 8th of this month, a memorandum defining our aims and proposals".

PROPOSALS

"The Government of India's primary objective is that Nepal should be independent, progressive and strong. For this purpose, they regard immediate constitutional changes, which will satisfy popular opinion and acceptable to important non-official organisations of Nepalese nationals, as urgent. In their view, it is necessary:

(1) that a constituent assembly, composed entirely of properly elected members, should be brought into being as soon as possible to draw up a constitution for Nepal.

2. Pending the meeting of the Constituent Assembly mentioned in (1) an Interim Government which will include persons representative of popular opinion and enjoying public confidence, should be established. Apart from an adequate number of popular representatievs, this Interim Government should include members of the Rana family, one of whom should be Prime Minister. Members of the Interim Government should be formally appointed by the King on proposals submitted by the Prime Minister. This Government should function as a Cabinet, on the principle of joint responsibility and should frame its own rules of business.

3. In the interests of peace as well as stability. His Majesty King Tribhuvan Bir Bikram Shah should continue to be King of Nepal. During the King's absence, he may appoint a regent to act on his behalf during that period.

NEPAL P.M.'S REPLY

The proposals contained in the memorandum, Prime Minister said, aimed at a peaceful settlement in Nepal and, therefore, provided for substantial reforms which, at the same time, would preserve continuity and involve no sudden break with the past.

RECOGNITION OF KING

The Prime Minister went on: "We have continued to recognise His Majesty King Tribhuvan Bir Bikram Shah; we feel that, in all the circumstances, this is the right course, and any discontinuance of recognition would produce many complications and would come in the way of peaceful settlement. Any other arrangement, such as the replacement of the constitutional head of the kingdom by a council of regency, appointed by ths Prime Minister to act in the name of a child king would make the introduction and smooth working of progressive constitutional changes more difficult".

The Government of India, said Mr. Nehru, had observed the strictest neutrality in the internal struggle in Nepal. The officers in the border areas had been instructed accordingly and they had carried out these instructions. In some of the border areas within Nepal, some of the Indian officers and men were carrying out public works in which both the Government of India and the Government of Nepal were interested. One of these major activities was in connection with the Kosi River Project. The work of our men there had been considerably interfered with on account of the disturbed state of the country In strict accord with India's policy of neutrality, the Government of India had asked the Nepal Government to take necessary measures for enabling this work to be carried on, and had taken no other steps to protect India's personnel or property.

COMPTON A DOUBTFUL STARTER FOR 2ND TEST

Close Likely To Play His First Test Against "Aussies"

MELBOURNE, Dec. 21 (PTI-Reuter): Dennis Compton troubled by his right knee trouble is understood to be an extremely doubtful starter for England against Australia in the second Test which begins here tomorrow.

Compton's knee has not responded to treatment and an x-ray examination is to be made today.

Brigadier M. R. Green, M.C.C. manager, made this disquieting announcement this morning after medical advice had been taken on arrival here from Sydney.

When the result of the x-ray and the treatment advised is known a further announcement will be made.

Brigadier Green said that the team officials were always aware that a recurrence of Compton's trouble was a possibility. Before leaving England they were told so by the specialists who operated on him last summer.

It is understood that if Compton is not fit Gilbert Parkhouse will play instead in which case Len Hutton will probably bat number four and Parkhouse five.

Brian Close, the youngest Yorkshire all-rounder, has been declared fit after nursing a groin injury so he can be regarded as an automatic choice for his first Test against Australia.

Close who had gained the distinction last year of being the youngest player to be awarded an England cap. He played against New Zealand.

The twelve players from whom England's team will be chosen were announced early this morning as follows:—

F. R. Brown (Northamptonshire, captain), C. Washbrook (Lancashire), R. T. Simpson (Nottinghamshire), J. G. Dewes (Cambridge University and Middlesex), D. C. S. Compton (Middlesex), L. Hutton (Yorkshire), T. E. Bailey (Essex), T. G. Evans (Kent), A. V. Bedser (Surrey), D. V. P. Wright (Kent), D. B. Close (Yorkshire), J. J. Warr (Cambridge University and Middlesex).

Arthur McIntyre, Surrey wicket keeper has been replaced by Close whose offspin bowling should be an acquisition.

The side will be announced just before the captain's toss for innings tomorrow but it is known that McIntyre will be twelfth man.

NINE LEFT IN FOR AGA KHAN'S CUP

Card For Tuesday

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The following are the acceptances for the eighth day of the Bombay Winter Races to be held on Tuesday, December 26.

THE NAVSARI PLATE—5 Furlongs.

Bright Faith 8-7 My Lucky Star 8-7 H.R.H. 8-7 Maharaj Kumari 8-7 Janikpuri 8-7 Recent Vintage 8-7 Dilbahar 8-7 Eastern Queen 8-7 Free Port 8-7 Sushama 8-7 Dev Kanya 8-7 Indy 8-7 Dutch Maid 8-7 Star Money 8-7.

THE VELLARD PLATE—Div. II—1 Mile

Panditji 9-2 Kotidhwaj 8-12 Embarkation 8-11 Marie Louise 8-10 Anant Lakshmi 8-9 Lady Cleopatra 8-5 Star Saphire 8-4 Havana 8-2 New Era 8-0 Fowzia 8-0 King's Star 7-8 Pessimist 7-8.

THE BORIVLI PLATE—Div. II 7 Furs.

Rajguru 9-5 London Tan 8-11 Radio Star 8-10 Mah-I-Nau 8-8 Ruqaiyya 8-5 Wagh Mahal 8-4 Firdaussi 8-2 Show On 8-1 Mayfair Lady 8-1 Short Story 8-0 Hikmet 7-10 Won Thousand 7-8 Fox Trot 7-8 Titina 7-5 Kickshaw 7-5 Slap & Tickle 7-0 Ajinkya 7-0.

THE VELLARD PLATE—Div. I, 1 Mile

Riviera 9-2 Repartee 8-13 Royal Guard 8-10 Time Bomb 8-10 Pick Money 8-8 The Roarer 8-3 The Cavalier 8-3 Flying Miss 8-3 Taslaroon 8-2 Princessa 8-2 Gold Spa 8-1 Black Page 8-0 Tamasha 7-10.

THE AGA KHAN'S CUP—1-1/2 Mile

First Royalty 9-7 Du-Bon-Air 9-4 Prince Ajit 8-4 Brave Prince 8-2 Chocolate Baby 7-11 Firmament 7-9 Gang Bhup 7-4 Summer Lightning 7-4 Namdar 7-7.

THE OKARA PLATE—1 Mile

Viveca 9-2 The Duke 9-0 Pelion 8-10 Goodwill 8-9 Manisha 8-9 Gay Pilot 8-7 Khundil 8-6 Who's That 8-6 Rukhsana 8-5 Chand Chakor 8-4 The Girl Friend 8-3 Ghizala 8-3 Kaiyani 8-1 Game Bid 8-0 Near Image 8-0 Post Master 7-12 Kirti 7-12 Saita 7-11 Ayaaz 7-10 Happy Go Lucky 7-8.

THE C.C. GULLILAND PLATE—1 Mile

Diesel 9-4 Shan-E-Hind 8-13 Pippy 8-13 City Gates 8-7 Neola 8-2 Liberty Belle 7-13 Stanbridge 7-13 Royal Crusader 7-8 Paper King 7-8 Roadborne 7-8.

THE BORIVLI PLATE—Div. I, 7 Furs.

Sangram 9-4 True Love 9-4 Vagabond Queen 9-4 Mohabat 9-2 Red Carnation 9-0 Nizamuddin 8-13 Princess Dominic 8-12 Village Green 8-12 Gun Drill 8-11 Bansiwale 8-10 Pre Catelan 8-9 Mirella 8-8 Reshone 8-1 Moonface 8-1 Pick Pocket 7-12 Shirazi 7-8 Mah Khurshid 7-7.

BALAM FIRM FAVOURITE

Trial Stakes To Be Run To-day At Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21 (PTI).

The Bombay film magnate, Mr. K. M. Modi's champion India-bred Balam is firm favourite for tomorrow's Trial Stakes for a mile, formerly known as the King Emperor's Cup. He was quoted at two to one on tonight.

The shorter, but premier of the two Calcutta classics, the Trial Stakes will be worth over Rs. 41,000 this year.

Pilot Sergeant was not quoted and was unlikely to participate, thus leaving only six horses to face the starter tomorrow. Tonight's unofficial closing prices were 2 to 1 on Balam, 4 to one Fair Ray and Slimette, five to one Skyward, seven to one Golden Past, and ten to one Grand Title.

BOMBAY TRIUMPH OVER BENGAL

Three To One Win In Inter-State Badminton

NAGPUR, Dec. 21, (P.T.I):

Bombay won the Inter-State Badminton Championship today by defeating Bengal three to one.

Devinder Mohan, India's number one regained his form and convincingly beat Manoj Guha of Bengal in the men's singles semi-finals of the national badminton championships here today 15/7, 15/9.

Earlier, Henry Ferreira (Bombay) beat Guru Prasad (East Punjab) 15/4, 15/8, thus qualifying himself to meet Devinder in the finals on Saturday.

In the mixed doubles, finals played today, following yesterday's two to one lead, Bombay's, Henry Ferreira and Betty Farias took an easy win over Hemmady and S. Sehgal of Bengal by 15/5 and 15/3.

The notable event for Bengal in the Inter-State finals was the upset victory of Manoj Guha over India's ace champion Devinder Mohan in a straight game of 15/12 and 15/7.

Henry Ferriera maintained a consistently brilliant form throughout the tournament. He won a straight game victory against East Punjab's leading Guru Prasad, and earlier beat U.P.'s number one, T. N. Seth. The international player G. Hemmady of Bengal fell his victim in the Inter-State finals yesterday.

The match between Devinder Mohan and Manoj Guha started in a tense and exciting atmosphere, in the light of Guha's upset victory over Mohan yesterday in inter-state singles. Guha equalled leading Devinder when the latter was at three and six. Mohan presented quite a number of midcourt tosses for the Bengal champion to neatly smash them on Mohan's left. But it was a different Mohan today playing his graceful strokes with confidence. When he was eleven, Guha could not add to his 7 in the 6 overs he got. Mohan tok the next 3 in a row and subsequently his setpoint.

Following are the results of today's matches in the All-India Badminton Championship:—

WOMEN'S SINGLES (semi-finals) Miss B. Farias (Bombay) beat Miss Pushpa Anand (E. P.) 11/7 and 11/2, Miss Apte (Maha) beat Mrs. Acharya (M. P.) 11/3, 10/12 and 11/7.

MIXED DOUBLES (semi-finals) H. Ferreira and Miss B. Farias (Bombay) beat M. S. Patil an-d Miss Nigudkar (Bombay) 15/13, 4/15, 15/2. Devinder Mohan and Miss Sindhu Phansalkar (Bombay) beat G. P. Shirke and Mrs. Dixit (Bombay) 15/10 and 15/5.

THIRD DIVISION HOCKEY LEAGUE

BOMBAY, Thursday.

In the Third Division of the League played at Parsi Cyclists Ground, St. Xavier's 'D' beat Lever 'B' by a solitary goal. Charles scored the winning goal and Metal Box trounced Cathedral Old Boys to the tune of four goals. St. Anne and other shared the spoils.

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Sind Model High School, who scored a facile victory last week over the New Era High School, will meet Anjuman High School in the third round of the Harris Shield Tournament. Sind Model High School after scoring 175 runs, dismissed their opponents for one of the smallest totals known in the history of the tournament, viz., 22 runs.

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Cooperage:

3-45 p.m. Goan's 'A' vs Xavier's 'A'.
4-50 p.m. G.I.P. 'A' vs Young Sports 'A' (Senior Division).

CRICKET

Brabourne Stadium.

10-30 a.m. Bombay vs Maharashtra (Ranji Trophy).

NEHRU WELCOMES PAK ASSURANCE

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (PTI).

INDIAN PRIME MINISTER, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru has informed the Prime Minister of Pakistan that he would be able to visit Karachi only after his return to India from the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference in London.

The further letters exchanged between the two Prime Ministers on the subject of the "No-War Declaration" were laid by Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru on the table of parliament this morning.

In his last letter, the Indian Prime Minister has said: "I am as convinced as ever—that such a declaration would go a long way to clear the atmosphere for a friendly discussion of all the issues that are now outstanding between our two countries. In view of the dark clouds of war that are spreading all over the world, such a declaration by India and Pakistan would have a peculiar value".

Welcoming the Pakistan Prime Minister's assurance that Pakistan had "no intention of attacking India" and wanted a "peaceful settlement of the Kashmir question", Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru said: "As I stated before Parliament on November 28, India is pledged to peace and I gave a solemn assurance that we shall continue to work for peace with our neighbour country. There, I think, we must leave the matter for the present".

The correspondence published today contains the Indian Prime Minister's reply dated December 11 to the Pakistan Prime Minister's letter of November 27. This letter published on November 29, was received too late to be included in the correspondence that was printed and laid on the table of the House on November 28 but was circulated to members of Parliament separately. The Indian Prime Minister's statement in the Indian Parliament on November 28 on Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan's letter is also included in the correspondence published today.

REPORTS IN PAK PRESS

Mr. Nehru has in his reply dealt in detail with the various points raised by Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan in his letter of November 27.

Referring to press propaganda, Mr. Nehru has said that the leading newspapers of India had dealt with the Delhi Agreement "helpfully and with a sense of responsibility" and "the tone of the Calcutta newspapers had improved considerably". Mr. Nehru says: "leading newspapers in Pakistan, however, stand out in sharp contrast and anti-Indian propaganda of an extreme type continues from day to day. This applies more especially to the 'Dawn' of Karachi. In its leading articles and its news columns there is unjust and unbridled criticism of India. Ficticious reports appear of economic and political conditions in India. All kinds of base motives are imputed to us; the latest example of this is the gross perversion of our relations with Nepal. It gives me no pleasure to say all this; i sincerely wish that things were otherwise. But for a fair apprisal, I think that we should try to see both sides of the picture".

Referring to Kashmir he says: "you have repeated what has been said before on behalf of Pakistan, and no purpose will be served by my repeating what I have said so often on behalf of India. I would only point out that we are, and always have been, prepared to agree to any reasonable arrangements that would combine effective protection of the security of the state with complete freedom to the people of Jammu and Kashmir to decide their own future."

Referring to Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan's allegation about the setting up of a provisional Government of East Bengal, Mr. Nehru has said that in April last there had been an announcement to that effect on the air from a secret source and the attempts of the police to locate the illegal transmitter had been without success. But since then there had no such announcements. After drawing attention to a reported broadcast in February last on the Dacca Radio "calling for vengeance on non-Muslims" Mr. Nehru has said "I am sure you will agree that stray incidents of this kind are best ignored. In any case I can assure you that I will not tolerate any illegal activities on Indian soil directed against the integrity and security of Pakistan. The large scale movement of military forces of India last February that you have mentioned was, as I stated in February, a purely precautionary defensive measure, taken in a period of high tension."

D. P. PROPERTY

Referring to the evacuee property question, Mr. Nehru has said: "I can only regret that you should still think that the tribunal we have suggested would not serve any useful purpose. I am also disappointed at your refusal to discuss the evacuee property dispute pending a settlement in the canal water dispute, except on the basis suggested by you, namely, that there should be freedom of sale and exchange of urban property. In my previous letter I have explained why we feel that this method of approach to the evacuee property problem would not lead to a satisfactory solution. I need not repeat what I have said previously."

PAKISTAN'S ASSETS

Mr. Nehru has then dealt with the question of Pakistan's assets. Characterising the Pakistan Prime Minister's statement that Mr. Nehru had "summarily dismissed" the question of release of Pakistan assets as "doing me less than justice," Mr. Nehru has drawn attention to his letter of January 18 in this connection and India's large financial claims on Pakistan.

Mentioning the sums due to India on stores transferred to Pakistan and Pakistan's share of the expenditure on the joint Defence Council, Mr. Nehru has said that it would not be correct to say that negotiations on the subject between the two countries had failed. There had been some correspondence and discussions between India and the Governor of the Pakistan State Bank and the Pakistan Finance Ministry and some progress had been made in clarifying the issues. These and other financial issues would be discussed at an inter-Dominion conference at secretarial level. (The conference is now going on in Delhi.) It would be desirable to treat all these outstanding issues together rather than deal with them piecemeal.

THANKS FOR INVITATION

Thanking Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan for his invitation to him (Nehru) to visit Karachi, Mr. Nehru has said, "I attach value to periodical meetings between us as they can help us more than anything to understand our respective points of view, to pave the way to a settlement of outstanding issues and, generally, to promote good relations between our two countries". In view, however, of the present session of Parliament and the visit of the Australian Prime Minister to Delhi and Karachi, both of them would be busy till the end of the year and soon after would be going to London. "It looks, therefore, as if my visit to Karachi will have to wait until after our return from the United Kingdom," Mr. Nehru has concluded.

SMALL IMPROVEMENT IN TATA STEELS

Cotton Mill Shares Rule Steady

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

The year-end one hour session of the Bombay Stock Exchange presented steady tone with routine business. There was restricted trading and price fluctuations were confined to a narrow range. There was scattered buying and covering which resulted in small gains over opening quotations.

The general feeling being bullish there was no inclination to book profits on low priced purchases. The market will now open on the 2nd January and traders were inclined to await developments in the Korean situation.

At the opening Tata Steel Defds. were quoted at Rs. 1907/8 and advanced at Rs. 1917/8. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 365 and improved at Rs. 366. Indian Irons were placed at Rs. 32/10 and Bengal Steels were done at Rs. 23/7.

Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 1060 and steadied at Rs. 1058/12. Kohinoors opened at Rs. 349 and steadied at Rs. 350. Simplex Mill shares opened at Rs. 277 and improved at Rs. 279. Svadeshi Mill shares came in business at Rs. 319.

Scindia shares were quoted at Rs. 16/14 and Bombay Burmas were placed at Rs. 490. Associated Cements were done at Rs. 179.

Later on there was further small buying support and Tata Steel Defds. were quoted at Rs. 1918-12 and Ordinary shares were done at Rs. 367. Bombay Dyeings were placed at Rs. 1062-8. Closing tone was steady.

After the close the market firmed up and Tata Steel Defds. rose at Rs. 1945 and after reacting at Rs. 1932-8, steadied at Rs. 1940. Indian Irons also moved up at Rs. 33-7 and steadied at Rs. 33-4.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES		
Bombay Dyeing (7-8)	1060	0
Kohinoor Mills (6)	380	0
Swadeshi Mills (14)	319	0
Central India Mills (6)	269	0
Simplex Mills (11)	279	0
New Great Eastern (3-2)	191	0
Indore (4)	161	4
Gokak (11)	257	8
Century Spinning (8)	281	14
India Bleaching (8)	181	0
Swan (20)	377	0
Finlay Mills (15)	294	0
Morarji (4-8)	190	0
Edward (15)	285	0
Meyer (8)	96	4
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	3	5 6
India United Ord. (0-1-6)	13	15 6
India United Defd. (0-2-0)	2	4 6
Madhusudan (15)	151	4
Podar (9)	162	8
Khatau (7)	191	4
STEELS		
Tata Steel Ord. (16)	367	0
Tata Steel Defd. (79-5)	1917	8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-8)	140	4
CEMENT		
Associated Cement (7)	178	4
INDUSTRIES		
Burma (15)	488	12
Belapur (12-8)	290	0
Shivrajpur (1-3)	59	8
Scindia Steam	16	13 6
Premier Construction (4)	127	8
Tata Chemical	15	14
Tata Oil (1)	46	8
Indian Iron (1)	32	13
Bengal Steel (0-10)	23	9
British India Corp. (0-9)	9	8
India Copper	3	4 6
Wimco (11)	272	8
Alcock (28-2)	350	0
ELECTRIC SHARES		
Andhra Valley (45) XD	1470	0
Tata Hydro (4-8) XD	158	0
Tata Power (50) XD	1615	0

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS		
Elphinstone (15)	62	8
Phoenix (6)	130	0
Indian Mfg. (40)	3350	0
Kurla (78)	125	0
Colaba (6)	94	0
New City (11)	197	8
Minerva (12)	134	6
Bradbury	453	4
Bharucha	4	12
Bharat (2)	29	0
Mysore Defd. (4) XD	171	4
Madhavji (0-12-0)	12	0
Model Mills (12-8)	155	0
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	605	0
Vishnu Cotton (6)	202	8
Standard (15)	240	0
Sholapur (200)	3060	0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8-0)	27	0
Hindustan Mills (40) XD	3410	0
Tata Mills (2)	58	0
Ahmedabad Advance (9)	221	4
Sassoon Silk (2-10)	35	0
New Union Mills (0-8)	25	10
Madhusudan S (2-8)	32	0
Shrinivas Mills (12-8)	190	0
Raja Bahadur (4)	60	0
Berar	260	0
Victoria Mills	225	0
ELECTRIC (CASH)		
Ahmedabad Electric (1-8)	116	4
Ahmedabad New (0-14-4)	112	8
Surat Electric (5)	141	14
Karachi Electric (2)	127	8
Broach (0-5)	6	1
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10	2
Amalgamated (0-12)	11	10
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	27	0
Poona Electric Supply (5-2)	125	0
Bombay Suburban (4-8)	148	12
Jalgaon	10	10
BANK SHARES		
Imperial Bank of India (40)	1995	0
Imperial Bank P. (10)	491	4
Central Bank (1-8)	80	4
Central Bank New (1-8)	81	0
Bank of India (3)	179	0
Union (0-5)	7	3
Baroda (2-8)	128	0
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	35	0
United Commercial (1-12)	46	0
Jaipur Bank 1-8)	27	0
Hindustan Commercial (1)	22	8
Mysore Bank (8)	365	0
Eastern Bank (14-9)	82	0
INSURANCE SHARES		
Oriental (125)	4315	0
Empire (10)	615	0
New India (2)	67	12
Jupiter (0-12)	13	12
Vulcan (1-10)	12	4
Ind. Mercantile	41	8
B.I.C.	16	0
Industrial and Prudential	28	4
Neptune	7	0
New Great	18	12
All India General	8	4
RAILWAY SHARES		
C. P. (2-4)	114	4
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES		
Bombay Steam (10)	263	12
Bombay Burma New (5)	162	8
Burma Petrol	1 10	6
Kemp and Co. (30)	342	8
Mackenzie (6)	91	0
Port Canning (3)	51	8
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	93	4
Industrial Invest Trust (3-12)	86	8
Dharamsey Chemical (4)	68	8
Mukund Iron	5	0
Dena Trust (0-12)	12	0
Alembic (15)	121	4
Supreme Industries	90	0
Bomoay Uganda	65	12
Indian Cement (1937)	23	0
Walchand Nagar Industries (15)	180	0
United Motor	28	0
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	785	0
Hydro Construction	19	2 6
Mahamadi Steam	100	0
Gujerat Motor	26	0
Sardar Carbonic XD	750	0
Harvey Press	310	0
Estrella Batteries	37	0
National Rayon	69	4
Bombay Cycle	34	0
Jost Co.	75	0
Digvijay Cement	70	0
Ham Wire	30	0
Phalton	132	0
PREFERENCE SHARES		
Tata Steel 1st (6) XD	195	0
Bengal Steel	116	4
Indian Iron	107	0
Andhra Valley (7)	1240	0
Tata Power (7-8)	1355	0
Hydro-Electric (7) XD	131	4
Bombay Steamer (6)	233	12
Central India (5)	632	0
Swadeshi Mills	130	0
Vishnu Mills (7)	676	4
Laxmi	275	0
New Great Mills (5-3)	215	0
Podar Mills (4)	95	0
Shrinivasa Mills	98	0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	109	0
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	345	0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	136	4
Pre Construction First	102	4
Pre Construction 2nd Pref	99	12
Amalgamated	115	0
Habib	72	0
Tata Chemical	132	8
Walchandnagar	126	4
Jupiter	12	15
Supreme	92	8
Meyer	95	0
Mackenzie (First)	92	0
Mackenzie (2)	85	0
Ahmedabad Advance	127	8
Mysore Mill	41	0
Standard	99	0
Madhusudhan	12	0
Khatau	97	8
Morarji	94	8
National Rayon	79	0
DEBENTURES		
Andhra 1952	101	4
Rubber Planting		
Bombay Steamer	98	14
Indian Hume Pipe	101	0
Tata Power 1951	101	0
Walchandnagar (6)	106	0
OUTSIDE SHARES		
Burma Corporation	2 11	6
New Victoria Mills	2	4
New Victoria Pref.	4	4
Gold Mohor (20)	340	0
New Kaiser Hind	170	0
Sajjan Mills	100	0
Osmanshahi	115	0
Ajam Shahi	110	0
Air Services	3	12
Air India Tata	60	0
Hind Motor	6	6 6
Walchand Motor	54	0
India Steam	7	9
Tata Locomotive	94	0
Killick Industries XD	137	0

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

MILLS
Apollo 3-5 3-8 3-5 3.
Bharat 29.
B. Dyeing 1061-4 56-4 65 60.
C. India 268-8 68 69-8 69.
Century 281-14.
Colaba 89 94.
E. Textiles 285.
Elphinstone 65.
Finlay 293-8 94.
Gokak 259 57-8.
I.U. Defd. 2-4 2-4-6.
I.U. Ord. 13-13 13-15-6.
Indore 162-8 60 63-12 60 61-4.
Khatau 191-4.
Kohinoor 349 48-8 51-8 50.
Meyer 97-8.
Model 155.
Morarji 190.
Mysore 171-4.
New Great 182 91.
Podar 155 62-8.
Simplex 277 79.
Svadeshi 319 17-3 20 19.
Swan 377.
Tata Mills 56 58.
Vishnu 202-8 5 2-8.
B. Steam 262-8 63-12.
Scindia 16-12-6 16-15 16-13-6.
BANKS
Baroda 128.
Central 80 80-4.
Central New 80-8 81.
Imperial 1995.
Imperial New 491-14.
India 179.
Union 7-3.
U. Commercial 46.
ELECTRICS
Ahmedabad 115-10 16-4
Ahmedabad New 112-8
Andhra 1472-8
Suburban 148-12
Surat 141-14
Hydro 158
Power 1617-8 15
Power Pref. 1355
INSURANCES
Jupiter 13-12
New India 67-12
Vulcan 12-4
STEELS
B. Steel 23-6 23-8 23-7 23-9
I. Iron 32-8-6 32-14 32-13
Tata Defd. 1908-12 6-4 23-2 17-8
Tata Ord. 365-4 64-4 67-8 67
Tata IInd Pref. 140 40-4
Alcock 350
A. C. C. 178 78-12 78-4
Belapur 290 89 90
B. B. Old 493-12 28-12
B. B. New 162-8
National Rayon Pref. 73-8
SPECIAL
Cooria 125
I. I. Trust 86-8
P. Canning 51-8
B. B. Petrol 1-10-6
B. I. C. 9-8-6 9-8
Dharamsey 68-8
I. Copper 3-3-6 3-4-6
I. Bleaching 182 81
P. Const. 128 27-8
" 1st Pref. 102-8
" IInd Pref. 100
Shivrajpur 58-8 60-8 59-8
Tata Chem. 13-10 15-8 16 15-14
Tata Oil 46-4 47 46 46-8
Walchandnagar 180
Wimco 272-8 72-4 71-4 72-8

GOLD AND SILVER

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

The local bullion market opened steady but declined under moderate liquidation. At the decline there was renewed buying by bulls and the market recovered lost ground.

At the opening forward silver was quoted at Rs. 185 and declined at Rs. 184-8 but rallied at Rs. 184-15 on renewal buying. Ready mint silver was quoted at Rs. 185-6 while spot bullion was placed at Rs. 184-12.

Forward gold opened at Rs. 109-4 and after declining at Rs. 108-15 advanced at Rs. 109-9 and steadied at Rs. 109-7. Ready gold was placed at Rs. 109-8 and Sovereigns were quoted at Rs. 75.

Later on there was increased buying in gold and the market closed as under:—

Ready Gold	185	3	0
Forward	185	8	0
Ready Silver	110	4	0
Forward	110	3	0

GOVERNMENT LOAN

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

2-1/2% 1954	98	13	0
2½% 1955	99	8	0
2½% 1961	96	4	0
2-3/4% 1960	98	8	0
2-3/4% 1962	98	4	0
3% 1970	94	0	0
3% 1986 Con.	93	0	0
3% 1951/54	101	1	0
3% 1953/55	108	7	0
3% 1957	100	5	0
3% 1959/65	99	13	0
3% 1963/65	97	15	0
3% 1959/65	99	12	0
3% 1966/68	97	13	0
3% 1970/71	96	15	0
3-1/4% 1977	98	12	0
3-1/2% 1954/58	103	14	0
4-1/2% 1955/60	109	2	0
4-1/2 p. c. 1955/60	109	5	0
4% 1958/68	112	4	0
PROVINCIAL LOANS			
3% Bombay 1962	99	2	0
3% Bombay 1960	99	4	0
2-3/4% U.P 1961	96	12	0
2-3/4% Madras 1961	96	12	0
3% Bombay 1955	100	8	0
3% Bombay 1958	100	4	0
3% Punjab 1952	101	8	0
3% Madras 1952/53	100	6	0
3% U.P 1952	100	8	0
3% C.P. 1952	100	8	0
3% N.W.F. 1952	100	0	0
3% U.P 1961/66	99	2	0
MUNICIPAL			
4% B.P.I.	109	4	0
4% B Municipality	109	0	0
5% B Municipality	113	0	0
5% B Municipality 1954	112	0	0

London Copra Firm

LONDON, Dec 20.

The Copra Market was firm with Straits Dutch East Indies fair merchantable delivered weight at £108-1/2 paid and value, Philippines bulk quoted at 260 dollars and Ceylon indicated at £112, all per ton c.i.f. December/January shipment.

The coconut oil market was firm, Straits in drums £160 quoted and in bulk £155 buyer, Ceylon in drums £160 seller and in bulk £157 seller January/February shipment. Palmoil liberian £110 quoted, Malayan £125 nominal, per ton c.i.f. Rape oil Chinese and Palmkernel oil unoffered.

Art Silk And Yarn

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

120	Ready Japan	9	4	0
150	Ready Japan	9	4	0
120	Ready Italy	8	6	0
150	Ready Italy	8	6	0
150	D. Box January	1568	0	0
150	D. Box February	1560	0	0

Total number of shares which changed hands during the day was 3,500,000.

The highest and lowest of U.S. steel trading prices were 41-5/8 and 40-7/8 respectively.

CHICAGO GRAINS MARKET

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.

Grains declined under the leadership of soyabeans and lard reflecting weakness of cottonseed oil and soyabean oil futures following the overnight Government freezing of all prices on the basis of December first. Flour mills and exporters bought wheat on the decline, latter against a reported sale of 1,750,000 bushels to Mexico. Dealers also reported a sale of 1-1/2 cargoes maize to United Kingdom, moderate quantities to Holland and 2,500 tons of grains sorghums to Ireland. Grain and lard futures rallied in late dealings reflecting shortcovering and replacement buying which encountered less liquidation. Further export buying developed in wheat against sales of cargo of Pacific Coast white wheat to the United Kingdom this afternoon.

Chicago Wheat

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.

December	2.47
March	2.45-3/4
May	2.40
July	2.40-3/4

Paris Bourse Steady

PARIS, Dec. 20.

Technical considerations were largely responsible for a halt in the upward movement today. Despite optimism over the international situation, Wall Street's buoyancy and expectations of international inflation resulting from the armament programmes, the approach of the settlement date induced caution. Prices generally were around those at yesterday's close although Canadian Pacific and Canadian Eagle advanced further and Suez showed a good gain. French Rentes improved slightly.

London Pepper Market Idle

LONDON, Dec 20.

The pepper market remained idle and unchanged with black lampong December shipment nominally at 10 shillings and white muntok at 17 shillings 7-1/2 pence shipping weight with white sarawak at 18 shillings 1-1/2 pence delivered weight per pound c.i.f. basis ports. Malabar afloat was at 1325 to 1400 according to position, December 1230, January 1160, and March 1110 shillings, all cwt. c.i.f. United Kingdom.

AMERICAN MARKETS

HEAVY LONG LIQUIDATION IN N. Y. COTTON

Wall Street Market Barely Steady

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.

Following generally higher opening on accumulation of mill buying of old crops, the market dipped sharply on heavy liquidation reflecting confusion over Government's action in placing a voluntary freeze on all prices as of December 1st.

There was considerable uncertainty as to whether the price freeze applied to raw cotton or on cotton goods. The downturn was intensified by an almost complete withdrawal of trade support together with uncovering of numerous stoploss orders. Prices eventually rebounded on the reappearance of trade demand together with short covering but dealings continued extremely nervous featured by wide and rapid price changes. Old crops fluctuated nervously in the afternoon reflecting continued uncertainties over price controls. In the otherhand lower priced fardistants rallied smartly in lade dealings attributed chiefly to trade buying presumably for mill account and short covering which encountered limited offerings. The session closed steady with sales at 425,000 bales.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

	New York Cotton	New Orleans Cotton
March	42.59	42.39
May	42.20	42.03
July	41.80	41.65
October	39.40	39.36
Middling spot	43.72	42.65

N.Y. cotton highest March 43.25 at 10.22 Lowest 41.70 time multilated.

WALL STREET MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.

The market backed away from the new 1950 composite high reached yesterday. Under profittaking and other selling in good activity, prices were converted from initial irregularity into a predominance of declines mostly fractions to one dollar. Leading motors, steels, rubbers, rails, coppers, aircrafts and department stores were featured in the decline. One more the failure of earlier selling to depress values to any extent encouraged buyers who had also noted General Eisenhower's chiding of the pessimists. Accompanied by occasional bullish spurts of buying, prices reversed the former tendency to show irregularly higher gains mostly of fractions to one dollar or more. The rally lacked support and most prices reacted. The composite average still finished a trifle higher however. The close was barely steady.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

American Telephone and Telegraph	154-5/8
Amerex Holding	42-1/4
Anaconda Copper	38-3/8
Chase National Bank	36-1/2
Firestone Tyre	78-3/4
General Electric	50-5/8
General Motors	45-3/4
Ingersol Rand	75
International Nickel	37
National City Bank	45-3/4
New York Central Railroad	21-1/2
Sinclair Oil	33-5/8
Socony Vacuum	24-3/4
Texas Co.	78-1/4
Union Carbide	53-7/8
U.S. Smelting	54-1/4
U.S. Steel Common	38-7/8
Western Union Ex-Div.	41-3/8

AHMEDABAD STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondents)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 21.

Ahmedabad Stock Exchange: closing Calico 325-12 Ambika 372, Arvind 879, Defd. 1916, New Shorok 645, Vivekanand 178-12, AHD Cotton 405, Silver Cotton 250 Jupiter 310, Marsden 160, Atul 96, Jahangir 170, New Commercial 1,000 Bihari 221-4 City 70, Bhalakiya 117-8, Raipur 797-8, Ramkrishna 235 Rohit 126-4, Lal 182-8.

Calico opened at 326, high 327, closed at 325-12; Ambika opened at 372, High 376, low 375, closed at 372, Arvind opened at 881 high 882, low 878, closed at 879; Defd. opened at 1913, high 1922, low 1912, closed at 1916; New Shorok opened at 643, high 648, low 646, closed at 645.

Tone of market was steady. The market will remain closed upto first January due to X'Mas holidays and no markets quotation will now be given upto that date.

BOMBAY BULLION EXCHANGE

Election Of Board

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

An Ordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Association was held today under the Chairmanship of Shri Chunilal B. Mehta to announce the names of the Directors elected according to the Rules of the Association.

The notice calling the meeting was read by the Secretary and Shri Chunilal B. Mehta in his speech said:

As you all know, the present Board was nominated by the Government of Bombay on 25th June last. After the appointment of the Board I had issued a statement in which the first thing that I expressed was that it was no pleasure to see an elected body replaced by Government. In that statement I also requested and appealed to all the members and operators of the trade to co-operate with the nominated Board by avoiding any squeezes and/or manipulations as well as having undue bear sales.

I am much grateful to all the members and operators of the trade for the co-operation they extended by avoiding squeezes and manipulations as well as unduly heavy bear sales and thus allowing the market to take its own natural course, which I and my other colleagues on the Board fully appreciate.

I may inform you that I myself personally as well as all the members of the nominated Board had recommended to the Government of Bombay that in view of the normal situation existing on the market, the elected body should be brought in. I am pleased to see the Government has taken a decision to have the elected Board and so we have today met to declare the names of the members of the Board who have been elected as the Directors for the coming year.

The Chairman then announced the names of the following candidates as duly elected with the member of votes they have polled:

Seth	Mangaldas Kalidas Chokshi	290
"	Shah Dalsukhlal Amthalal	287
"	Prabhashankar K. Shukla	280
"	Jwalaprasad Tiwari	280
"	Amichand Vallamji	270
"	Chandulal Kasturchand Shah	269
"	Kantilal Manilal	262
"	Hariyantlal Narandas	261
"	Basudev Somani	259
"	Champaklal Jamnadas	252
"	Narandas Pokarmal	247
"	Jethalal Sanghji	236
"	Mohanlal Tejmal Bohra	231
"	Shivlal Narpatlal Maniar	221
"	Kashiprasad Nandlal Podar	199
"	Chiranjilal Parasram Puria	199

He then congratulated elected candidates and hoped that they will conduct the Association properly so as to keep up the reputation of the Association.

London Stock Exchange

LONDON, December 20

2-1/2 per cent British Consols	£71
3-1/2 per cent Conversion Loan 1961	£96-3/8
4 per cent Funding Loan 1960/90	£107-1/8
3-1/2 per cent War Loan on or after Dec. 1, 1952	£94-5/16
Chartered Bank	£8-7/8
Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank	£77
National Bank of India	£31-1/2

Transactions on the London stock exchange are officially placed at 5,169.

Singapore Pepper Prices

SINGAPORE, Dec. 20.

Black loose pepper was sold at 545 dollars per picul. The market was steady with sellers ex-godown price for black lampong 10 dollars higher at 550 white muntok unchanged at 970 dollars per picul.

Bear Covering On Amsterdam Exchange

AMSTERDAM, Dec 20.

Bear covering in front of the forthcoming holidays caused general firmness. Plantations improved closing at the highest for the day. Shippings were firm.

Alexandria Cotton

ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 20.

KARNAK	
January	128.05+125
March	130.40+105
May	130.75— 25
July	131.35— 35
ASHMOUNI	
December	124.75+275
February	126.55+ 15
April	128.60+ 20
June	128.50+ 70

Where Editors Can Help

MORARJI AND BAN ON CROSSWORDS

BOMBAY, Thursday: Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, stated at the Weekly Press Conference today that if the Editors of newspapers passed a resolution against Crossword Puzzles being conducted by any papers or journals, he would immediately act on such a resolution and ban crosswords. He had the necessary powers to ban crosswords or regulate them, even now. He said that in response to the "feelers" which he had sent regarding this, some affected persons had come to see him.

He did not want to express any views with regard to the recent Food discussions in the City, as premature discussion could only worsen a "difficult situation".

He expressed himself against renaming any City in honour of departed celebrities. Also Government would not take up the question of raising a memorial for Sardar Patel, as such work could not be officially undertaken by Governments.

Asked how the barbers' threatened strike had affected him, the Home Minister said: "I won't be affected by the strike. Ever since 1930 or 1932, when I was in jail, I cut my own hair".

He expected the appeal of the Bombay Government with regard to the Prohibition judgment to come up before the Supreme Court either in January or February. Government were also appealing against the judgment of the First Class Magistrate of Kaira, that bigamy in Bombay State was no offence as anti-bigamy laws of Bombay militated against fundamental rights.

Postal Holiday

Monday, the 25th December 1950, will be a Post and Telegraph Holiday on account of Christmas Day. The Bombay General Post Office and Town Sub-Offices in the City will observe Holiday working on that day. The Night Post Offices at the Bombay G. P. O., Dadar and Kalbadevi Post Offices will remain entirely closed on that day.

The detailed instructions regarding the working of the Town Sub-Offices, will be issued by the controlling officers concerned.

The following business on a restricted scale will be transacted by all the delivery Post Offices in the Bombay City on that day. (a) Sale of stamps and stationery, (b) Issue and payment of Express Telegraph Money Orders, (c) Certificates of posting, (d) Delivery and despatch of mails with only one delivery at noon.

EASING CONGESTION IN TRAINS

Amenities For Suburban Travellers

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Railway Ministry has ordered 28 sets of four-car units from the United Kingdom for use in the suburban services of the G.I.P. and B.B. and C.I. Railways. The G.I.P. railway has been allotted 16 sets.

The first set of four car units is expected to be delivered here towards the end of next month, another two sets in February, three more sets each in March, April and May following, four sets in June next and the balance of 12 sets thereafter.

When the complete stock is on lines which is expected by June next, it is intended to withdraw the present stock running on the harbour branch and substitute the new stock which will maintain an electrified service between Kurla and Mankhurd and the extended service between Bandra and Andheri in addition to a considerably accelerated service on the harbour branch.

The railway authorities here hope that the situation in regard to the congestion in suburban trains will have been considerably eased towards the end of 1951.

Change Of Name

BOMBAY, Thursday.

At an Extraordinary General body meeting of the members of the Ganga Yane Saphaliga Sangha, Bombay held on 26-11-50 the name of the above Sangha has been changed to The Saphalya Seva Sangha, Bombay.

Indian Seamen Are Very Smart

COMMODORE TAYLOR'S VIEW

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Commodore R. M. T. Taylor, the Commodore-in-Charge-designate Bombay, said here today on the eve of assumption of his new post in the Indian Navy, that one of the reasons why he was attracted to join the Indian Navy, was that he was pleased to be given the chance to give the help of an experienced sailor to the "growing and most important Indian Navy."

The 51-year old new Commodore who was the Chief of Staff of the Admiral Commanding in Scotland and North Ireland of the Royal Navy before coming to India on a three years' loan to the Indian Navy, arrived in Bombay from U. K. yesterday.

The Commodore, who met the press in Bombay today said that although he had never been to India before, he met some officers of the Indian Navy in U. K. and liked them very much. "They were smart looking and that's a good start to be a good seaman," he said.

Commodore Taylor joined the Royal Navy in 1914 and actively participated in both World War I and II.

He said that he would visit Delhi in January next after assuming charge as the Commodore-in-Charge, Bombay on December 31.—

Further Search For Gold

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Continuing their search for a vast haul of contraband gold which had been brought into the city through the machinations of an international gang of smugglers, the Excise and C.I.D. officers of the city raided a firm of bullion merchants in the city last evening and seized gold valued at Rs. 14,50,000.

The police again visited the firm of the merchants Messrs. Premchand Roychand and Sons at Dalal Street this morning for a further examination of the books of the bullion brokers.

Investigations into cases of gold smuggling into the city are being made, and the police believe that there is a connection between the local market and the international gang of smugglers, who are believed to have disposed of a large quantity of gold to local dealers.

Mr. Modak's 60th Birthday

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A meeting of leading citizens and representatives of Institutions will be held tomorrow the 22nd under the Presidentship of the Sheriff of Bombay to draw up a programme for celebrating the 60th Birthday of Mr. N V Modak, Special Engineer, Bombay Municipal Corporation. This meeting will also elect a Celebrations Committee. The meeting will be held at 3-30 p.m. (S. T.) at Amar Sadan, behind the B.E.S.T. Electric Sub-station, near Portuguese Church Gokhale Road, Dadar.

High Court

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The High Court will remain closed from December 22, 1950 to Jan. 6 1951. Offices of the Court will also remain closed but urgent work will be attended to between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on holidays except Saturdays and Sundays.

Tickets The Quick Way

BOMBAY, Thursday: Electric ticket-issuing machines are to be installed at important GIP railway suburban stations here early next year, to speed up the issue of local tickets, and obviate formation of long queues.

Designed on the type used at the London underground railway stations, these machines are expected to arrive here next month.

DR. N. B. KHARE

BOMBAY, Tuesday: Dr. N. B. Khare, President-elect of the A. B. Hindu Mahasabha will be arriving in Bombay on his way to Poona on Friday, December 22, at 2 p.m. by the Calcutta Mail via Allahabad and will be leaving Bombay by Poona Mail the same evening.

THE WORST IS OVER IN COTTON TRADE

Mr. C. B. Parikh's Address

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Presiding over the annual general meeting of the East Indian Cotton Association, Mr. C. B. Parikh, Vice-President of the Association, sounded an optimistic note about the cotton trade. He said that the worst was over and that "we have turned the corner."

Mr. Parikh pointed out that the present sky-rocketing prices of cotton in the world were apt to given an impetus to the cotton cultivator everywhere. He felt that there was the likelihood of the cotton position easing considerably in the country if the target of four million bales was the country if the target of four million bales was reached for the 1951-52 crop.

Mr. Parikh said that the cotton control had failed. He pointed out that the Cotton Control Order provided punitive measures against the offenders, but they had always remained inoperative, with the result that honest men had suffered and dishonest people had prospered. He urged that cotton should be decontrolled.

Mr. Parikh opposed the Government's proposal of "sealing off" districts and appointing their nominees who were to be remunerated with a commission of 1-1/2 per cent commission. It was proposed that only through these nominees the mills could buy cotton. Mr. Parikh feared that such a system would lead to rampant corruption, favouritism, red-tappism and delays. Middlemen would be put to unnecessary pin-pricks, and huge vested interests would be created who would be bent on justifying and perpetuating cotton control even after it had served its purpose.

At the outset Mr. Parikh referred to the condolence resolution passed at a special meeting of the directors in memory of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, and said that in his death the country had suffered an irreparable loss.

The annual report of the Association and the audited statement of accounts were then adopted.

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GOVERNMENT'S ATTEMPTS TO EFFECT ECONOMY

Mr. Deshmukh's Statement In Parliament

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (PTI).

PARLIAMENT today resumed the debate on supplementary demands for grants in respect of the general budget.

Mr. B. Das (Orissa) said that the Finance Minister had no right to ask for new supplementary demands when he had not explained to the House what steps Government had taken to give effect to measures. The Defence Department, he said, was as extravagant today as it was in the former Government of India. The only result of the economy measures suggested in the Government in Mr. Gopalaswami Ayyangar's report seemed to be an increase in the number of Under-Secretaries.

Prof. K. T. Shah said that Defence and External Affairs Ministry expenditure had been increasing steadily. There was a strong case for a proper scrutiny of the items.

Prof. N. G. Ranga said that the House itself had in the past demanded that Government should pay greater attention to defence. As regards the expenditure of the External Affairs Ministry, he found that some of the Indian establishments abroad were smaller than those maintained even by little countries like Holland and Denmark. The expenditure on displaced persons was also unavoidable.

Mr. Raj Bahadur (Rajasthan) said that in critical times like these every pie spent on security was well spent.

Mr. R. K. Sidwha asked whether the various Ministries had given effect to the ten per cent cut in expenditure announced by the previous Finance Minister in the last budget session. Which were the Ministries that had not given effect to the cut?

Mr. Sidhwa said he was satisfied that there was a very great necessity not only for maintaining the existing Indian embassies abroad but for expending them.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATE

The Finance Minister, Mr. Chintaman Deshmukh, pointed out that the bulk of the demands under the revenue heads was made up of expenditure on Defence and displaced persons. He had no doubt that when the defence demand was discussed, the Defence Minister would have something to say about the difference between the original estimate and the revised estimate. His own view was that the original estimate was made under assumptions which involved a certain amount of optimism. It was not necessary to particularise them but there was a hope that certain problems might perhaps be nearer settlement than they proved to be.

Apart from that, conditions arose just soon after the budget was framed, or even while it was being framed, which made it necessary to undertake additional expenditure. The policy of Government in regard to defence expenditure had been announced by the Prime Minister on more than one occasion.

With reference to the criticism that India was today spending fifty per cent of her revenue on defence, Mr. Deshmukh said: "The people from whom the criticism comes did no better in their time. What is more, this is not a correct percentage. The correct percentage must be derived after taking the proportion of the defence expenditure on the revenue not only of the Centre but of the States. The States have no separate provision for defence. If we add the revenue of the States to the revenue of the Centre, wet get a figure of 600 or 650 crores, on which our defence expenditure comes to very near twenty-five per cent to thirty per cent. I do not think we are from that point of view any more extravagant than most other nations."

Mr. R. K. Sidhwa, Mr. B. L. Sondhi and a number of other members declared themselves convinced by this argument.

ECONOMY QUESTION

Small And Restricted Sector

The demand in respect of displaced persons, said Mr. Deshmukh, was also unavoidable. He had no doubt that on a close scrutiny of the other items too, members would find the expenditure was justified on merits.

As regards the general question of economy, Mr. Deshmukh said that apart from the general avoidance of waste, which should run like a thread through Government administration, the sector which was open to economy was a very small and restricted one. Excluding Defence, which would have to be treated on its own merits, Rehabilitation, and Posts and Telegraphs which was a commercial department, that sector represented only about Rupees sixty-four crores. It was in respect of that sector that the Economy Committee suggested a saving of the order of Rupees 4.64 crores.

The situation deteriorated while the Economy Committee's recommendations were under consideration and it was felt that some more heroic measures were required. Accordingly the various departments were told to enforce a certain percentage cut. Looking back, it was clear that it was not a very practicable or effective procedure because the application of 'ad hoc' cuts and leaving things to take their own course was not a very suitable line of action.

It would have been better if, at some expenditure of time, one could have gone into the working of the several ministries and agreed on what particular items the cuts were to be effected.

MR. SONDHI: When the matter was before the Standing Finance Committee, we were told by the then Finance Minister that the Ministries themselves wanted 'ad hoc' cuts and to take the initiative in their own hands to enforce them.

MR. DESHMUKH: I think the Ministries concerned over-estimated their own strength to deal with the situation (laughter). When they were faced with giving effect to the cut, they no doubt found that without the assistance of the Finance Ministry they could not make very much progress. That was the situation in which we found ourselves in the middle of this year. The matter was taken up by the Cabinet and we appointed the Secretary of the Revenue and Expenditure Division of the Ministry of Finance to go into the details.

The Finance Minister said that for the rest of the year, he thought Government should save about Rupees one crore. The main proposals, which could only come into effect in relation to the next year's budget, had yet to be agreed to by the Ministries in a Cabinet meeting or in a general meeting of Ministers and Secretaries.

Defence expenditure, said the Finance Minister, would have to be considered by the Cabinet separately. He did not think there was any room for economy in the rehabilitation expenditure.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

In regard to capital expenditure, how exactly economy was to be effected was a matter which had not been finally decided. When Government could get a "certain amount of freedom—freedom from our immediate preoccupation of defending our actions", that is after the session of Parliament was over (laughter), they might find some time to do something in that regard.

Economies, he went on, could not be brought about by 'ad hoc' measures. "Economy must be a way of life and, therefore, the pressure will have to be maintained throughout the year. It may be some officer will have to be detailed to examine the working not only of the offices but of the attached offices and, perhaps, look to the working of some of the embassies and perhaps go into the actual financial control arrangements regarding some of the bigger river valley projects. I dare say I shall have more to say on a proper occasion in the budget session."

REDUCTION OF DEFENCE EXPENDITURE

Mr. Nehru On Government's Approach

Prime Minister Nehru said that for the last two or three years Government had been thinking how to reduce defence expenditure, which was swallowing up a very large part of the revenue and coming in the way of the country's development and even the development of the defence apparatus itself. The problem was how to keep the most efficient defence forces and at the same time spend less and less on it. It was a difficult problem, but they were trying to face it.

Defence did not consist in the number of soldiers alone but in all kinds of things, including the country's manufacturing potential. Today defence did not consist in people armed with lathis or bows and arrows: they had to have the latest types of machines and weapons and, therefore, the question arose whether India could produce those machines and weapons. Otherwise, India would merely be taking those things from somebody else who could deny it to her at the right moment or raise the prices as they liked. So it became essential that what was used for defence should, as far as possible, be produced within the country.

REAL BACKGROUND

One had to balance the needs of defence with the other urgent needs of the country. Within the ambit of defence itself, one had to consider what to spend on the maunfacturing and industrial and like processes which built up the real background of defence.

"If you had asked us three or four years ago", said Mr. Nehru, "we would have told you we were going to demobilise a great part of the army, try to reduce the number but try to make it more mechanised, more efficient and so on and soforth. We did to some extent demobilise it slightly but that process stopped for various reasons which the House, no doubt, appreciates. But the question was before us. Could we afford spending this very large sum of money on defence forces and allied services? It was a tremendous burden on us and, in view of the financial stringency, it became an almost unbearable burden".

Mr. Nehru said that while a couple of crores could be saved here or there, it was obvious that the main economy involving a considerable sum of money could come only form the defence forces.

Government could not reduce or think of reducing the Navy or Air Forcee which were small enough as they were, so it meant reduction of the Army.

Government then had to consider whether reduction of the Army meant a weakening of the defence apparatus, because that would be a dangerous thing. At every step Government were continually consulting experts. First the experts in India then quite a few of the experts from foreign countries whom they imported to seek their advice in regard not only to army matters but the type of defence weapsons that should be manufactured here and so on, so that they were always trying to be guided by the best advice available. But, after all the decision involved not only technical advice but certain larger considerations, olitical and other, and the responsibility for that, as indeed for every decision, must ultimately rest on the Government

EARLY ATTEMPTS

As early as 1946-47 Government dicided to reduce the Army, but that decision was kept pending, although some reductions were made. In the middle of 1949, Government decided to reduce the Army progressively. Orders were issued to that effect. They were, however, cancelled some months later, because of existing conditions then and so on and so forth.

Subject to correction by the Finance Minister, he would state that when the budget was framed last year, Government were still thinking in terms of the previous decision about reducing the Army. But in fact the Army was not reduced and that counted for part of the supplementary demands.

This year again, Government decided that they must go ahead with the reduction with due caution but, nevertheless, go ahead with it. Government were going ahead with it, taking every precaution that our general strength does not lessen. "Perhaps from every point of view, it is actually increased" said Mr. Nehru, "because the larger the army we keep the less resources we have to equip that very army and we would rather have a more highly equipped and a more mobile and mechanised army than mere numbers. I cannot go into figures of reduction—no doubt they are continually revised—but I can give you some rough idea of what the reduction involves".

A SOLDIER'S COST

It was roughly calculated, said Mr. Nehru, that one soldier taking the entire expenditure including the expenditure on civilians cost Rupees three thousand per annum. That meant that if the Army was reduced by ten thousand, the saving would be Rupees three crores.

The House then took up further consideration of the Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, which regulates the procedure to be followed for the election of representatives of Part "C" States to the Council of States (Upper House of Parliafent.)

A.I.R. ADVISORY BODY MEETS

The third meeting of the Programme Advisory Committee of the All-India Radio, Bombay met on Wednesday. Mr. R. Srinivasan, Station Director presided. Others present were: (From right to left) Mr. S. K. Patil, Mr. K. B. Vasudev, Mr. S. A. Iyer, Mr. N. G. Motwani and Mr. J. H. Dave.

TWO CRORE ECONOMY IN SUPPLY MINISTRY

Estimates Committee Proposals

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (PTI).

THE Estimates Committee of the Indian Parliament submitted today its recommendations in regard to the estimates of the Industry and Supply Ministry involving an anticipated saving of about Rs. 2,13,72,000 out of a total budget estimate of about Rs. 9 crores.

The Committee, in its scrutiny of the estimates of the Industry and Supply Ministry, has gone through all important aspects of the work of the Ministry covering in terms of money a field of Rs. 7,46,00,000.

The first report of the Committee was presented to Parliament this morning by the Deputy Speaker, Mr. M. Ananthasayanam Iyengar, who is the chairman of the Committee. The report of the Committee in respect of the Commerce Ministry will be presented to Parliament tomorrow.

The report of the Committee running into 80 typed pages contains in all 49 recommendations

ECONOMY MEASURES

The recommendations of the Committee on the Industry and Supply Ministry, which if carried out, are expected to involve saving in expenditure are:

The post of a Joint Secretary in the Ministry lying vacant to be abolished and the work divided into two compact divisions between the Secretary and the Joint Secretary. This would save about Rs. 36,000. Two posts of Deputy Secretaries and four posts of Under-Secretaries should be reduced by proper division of work, thus saving Rs. 1,05,000. The scale of work of the assistants should be on the basis of 15 receipts (five important and ten ordinary) a day, thus reducing the staff by 90 assistants and saving Rs. 2,60,000. The present secretariat set-up should be such that for every superintendents there should be ten assistants and five clerks. If this was carried out, the strength of the Ministry could be reduced by 15 superintendents and 90 clerks, saving Rs. 2,96,000. In the Secretariat there should be decentralisation of responsibility in some matters

Economies to the extent of Rs. 22,000 in the department of stenographers. Rs. 76,000 ou chaprasis. Rs. 46,000 on tours of officers are suggested.

The Committee has suggested a single Director-General for all the functions of purchase, development of industries and so on and has recommended that some posts of deputy directors-general and directors should be reduced. This, along with a comparative reduction of gazetted and non-gazetted staff, would result in a saving of Rs. 19,29,000.

The Committee has also suggested the setting up of a state puchasing corporation for handling all Government purchases, Indian and foreign.

DOLLAR IMPORTS

In view of the restrictions on dollar imports, the Indian Supply Mission in Washington should be closed down and its work entrusted to the Trade Commissioner there saving Rs. 22,10,000. The London office should continue till the State Purchasing Corporation was set up, but meanwhile there should be a 25 per cent reduction in staff and expenditure of the office, saving Rs. 9,00,000.

The Committee has recommended that the practice of payment of royalties and compensation to States should be discontinued at an early date, saving Rs. 27,55,000.

The committee has also made a large number of recommendations for improving the efficiency and working of the Ministry and the system o preparing estimates and submission to Parliament for scrutiny and vote.

INQUIRY SUGGESTED

In its report on the working of the Purchases Section of the Ministry, the Committee has recommended an inquiry into the placing of an order for 2,000 jeeps with a British firm in July 1948. When the first consignment arrived here, the Defence Ministry, for whom they were intended, said that they were not up to specifications.

The Committee has also suggested "a seaching inquiry" and fixing of responsibility for negligence by concerned authorities in the Defence and Industry and Supply Ministries for "inadequate storage arrangements" and selling disposals at lesser rates than were prevalent in the open market.

District News

WARDHA, Dec. 21 (H.S.) "After Mahatmaji's death, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel could survive only on the dint of his will-power and the inspiring power of the Providence. In fact, the solicitous regard he felt for his countrymen, forced him to live longer. He therefore bravely sustained the shock of Gandhiji's bereavement and doing his duty till death, died in harness." Observed Shri Vinoba Bhave in his 'ashram', while expressing his deep sorrow at the loss that the nation sustained in the death of the Sardar and exhorted the inmates of the ashram to follow the departed leader and never fail in their duty.

Shri. Vinobaji, at present is regularly doing the work of farming and digging a well in the 'ashram'.

MURDERED

DHARWAR, Dec. 21 (H.S.): Lingo Gurunath Deshpande, a resident of the village Talkod in this district, was found heinously murdered at the dead of night on December 19. The miscreant is not traced. It may be recalled that his father also was murdered in the same way in the same village, two years ago.

PROTEST

SINNAR, Dec. 21 (H.S.): Three weeks have elapsed since the local Electric consumers have refused the electric supply as a protest against the increased rates. All the negotiations between the consumers and the Company have, till now, proved futile, though the Company, in a statement, has shown their willingness to lower down the rate to eight annas per unit. The adamant consumers have categorically rejected the proposal and in a recent meeting, adopted a resolution asking the Company to remove their metres.

DEAD BODIES IN BLOOD

SHOLAPUR, Dec. 21 (H.S.): Four dead bodies of three men and a woman—all lying in a pool of blood, were recovered by the police near Pandharpur. Deep wounds, were visible on the dead. A gang of dacoits, it is supposed, must have perpetrated this murder of these passengers in a bullock-cart. The miscreants are yet at large.

DEMONSTRATION

DHULIA, Dec. 21 (H.S.): Nearly 5,000 weavers marched in a procession and staged a demonstration in front of the Collector's residence, demanding adequate supply of yarn. Their representatives who interviewed the Collector, further demanded increased bonus and facilities of loans.

The Collector assured all possible assistance and favour.

ARRESTED

POONA, Dec. 21 (H.S.): A trio of a Tongawallah, a bus-driver and a 'Chaprasi,'—were arrested under suspicion by the police in connection with the recent burglary of the godown of evidence articles in the premises of the District Court.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

ENQUIRY INTO AIR INDIA PLANE CRASH

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (PTI).

MR. KHURSHED LAL, Deputy Minister for Communications, replying to a short notice question in Parliament today told Mr. Jnani Ram that an inquiry had been instituted into the recent Air-India plane crash in the reserve forest near Kilkotagiri.

The inquiry is being conducted by the director of the Civil Aviation Department in Bangalore.

Mr. Lal said that it was cloudy weather when the plane took off from Bangalore on December 13 last. After prolonged and extensive search, the wrecked aircraft was found on December 19 in the reserve forest near a place called Kilkotagiri. All the sixteen passengers and crew of four were killed.

T. B. SEALS

Answering another short notice question, the Health Minister Rajkumari Amrit Kaur said that the purchase of the seals of the Tuberculosis Association of India was a purely voluntary matter. It had been expressly stated everywhere that no compulsion should be used in the sale of the seals.

The Health Minister told Mr. Gokulbhai Bhatt that the purchase of the seals had not been made compulsory for ration card or permit holders.

The Industry and Supply Minister, Mr. Hare Krushna Mahtab, in reply to Mr. L. Krishnaswamy Bharathi said that the Government had taken steps to relieve the general shortage of yarn in the country. This would enable the Government to give a larger share of yarn to Madras and other states.

The steps are: (A) Export of yarn of counts 32s and below, 80s and 100s has been totally banned, (B) export of yarn of other counts is restricted only to 1/4th of the production, (C) the question of totally banning the exports of all kinds of yarn is under active consideration of the Government, and (D) 66,000 bales of American cotton have been allotted to purely spinning mills at subsidised rates for the production of yarn for distribution to the handloom industry only.

The Industry Minister said that provision had been made for import of yarn on counts of 80s and above arrangements for the distribution of yarn were being revised so as to enable the states to secure equitable share of the available supplies of yarn.

The Minister further told Mr. Bharati that no representation has been received from the Government of Madras regarding allocation of yarn quota to handloom weavers.

IN A CHINA SHOP

By Taurus

THE barbers are threatening a strike, and the public's hair is standing on end. It is all very well for Mr. Morarji Desai to say he is not affected because he cuts his own hair. Ordinary mortals cannot be expected to carry self-help to this degree. I would suggest going without a hair-cut and many persons will support me, I am sure.

There is a degree of callousness about the troubles of the dependent population which is the majority, that gets me down every time. Some years ago when Dr. Ambedkar thundered at barbers for refusing to shave harijans, he was roundly told by an Editor to buy a safety razor and learn to shave himself. Now Mr. Morarji is telling us to cut our own hair. Think of the result and blush. Once when I varied a monotonous life by growing a moustache, I had to shave the wretched thing off because I could not trim it symmetrically. If I had to cut my own hair, I would end up by coming out bald as a billiard ball or without my head.

Not that I have a great fondness for barbers. In the days of my childhood, there was an old bleary-eyed barber who used to perform in our locality. It took three happy days to locate the fellow and then the fourth morning was a dawn of torture. Coaxed into the single wooden chair that was reserved for the execution, I waited in agony for the snipping scissors to stop its journey round my skull. On one occasion, feasting the previous night had rendered the barber's aim uncertain and he snicked off a good piece of my left ear. The yell I raised would have done credit to any adult. And it was no more old barber for me. I can still recall with dread the fumes of tobacco (stale), alcohol, and pan which were breathed down my neck every month.

Nor have my experiences in the saloons been happier. The barbers seem to itch to wield the razor. If you will not be shaved, at least your neck has to submit to the torture. And the Man of Blades has a fascinating but painful knack of ending up with three smart slices at the nape which send a thrill of agony down your spine. As for shaving it is hell. I am entertained to a long lecture on the folly of wielding a "safety," promised a smooth chin which will delight the world and let off with a bleeding face which I have to staunch with my handkerchief.

My first experience at a saloon was when I was in college. I had shaken off the friend that sticketh closer than a brother, and made for a shining new saloon at Dhobi Talao. As I slipped into a chair, I looked around me and saw to my horror—my friend sitting in the next chair. I had not wanted a witness to my travail. But he very cheerfully rebuked me for giving him the slip and extended a warm welcome to me. A barber came up with a threatening razor and great reluctance. I was a not-to-be-desired customer. He cut half my hair and then disappeared. Half an hour later he returned, smacking his lips. He had had a cup of tea, he told me smilingly. I was less happy. Then somewhere when I thought all was over but the tipping, he pushed me back into the chair, did a little trick which turned the chair backwards and threw me back like a beetle helpless and waving its legs in the air, produced a lethal weapon from underneath and sprayed a sudden jet of water which got into my eyes and nostrils. Then he plunged his fingers into my hair, rubbed in some sticky substance and, after a little manipulation with brush and comb, proudly held up a mirror. As a confirmed spectacles wearer, I am sightless without my glasses and I groped for them. When I faced myself finally, I got the shock of my life. He had given me a central parting which looked awful. I protested. And he set about undoing his work with a few more snips of the scissors, many imprecations and an obvious feeling that I was wrong and he was right.

You can imagine my feelings on the subject. But going on strike? Well, is there not something about essential services sticking to their posts? And if the barbers are not an essential service, who are? I ask you.

Supreme Court's Strictures On Magistrate's Delaying Tactics

NEW DELHI, December 21 (PTI): The Supreme Court asked the Bihar Government today to take "proper steps" to ensure that cases of delay in executing the orders of the court of justice, "which tend to affect the confidence of the public in the efficiency of administration do not recur."

The Court was delivering judgment in the appeal of the Bhagalpur Magistrate, Mr. H. P. Singh, against the decision of the Patna High Court which held the appellant guilty of contempt of court as he delayed over a week to carry out the High Court's order to release a detenu. The High Court, however, acceped apology tendered by the Magistrate for the delay.

The Supreme Court, while ruling that the Magistrate was not guilty in law, viewed the delay as a "most serious thing" and a "gross negligence in the office of the District Magistrate to carry out the order of the Court of justice."

Camels Arrested!

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 21, (H. S.): Three camels and one man were arrested by the local Police of the Crime Branch on a charge of smuggling large stocks of wheat. The police, when informed of the crime, raided the caravan of four camels in the outskirts of the City. One camel and three riders, however escaped and are still at large.

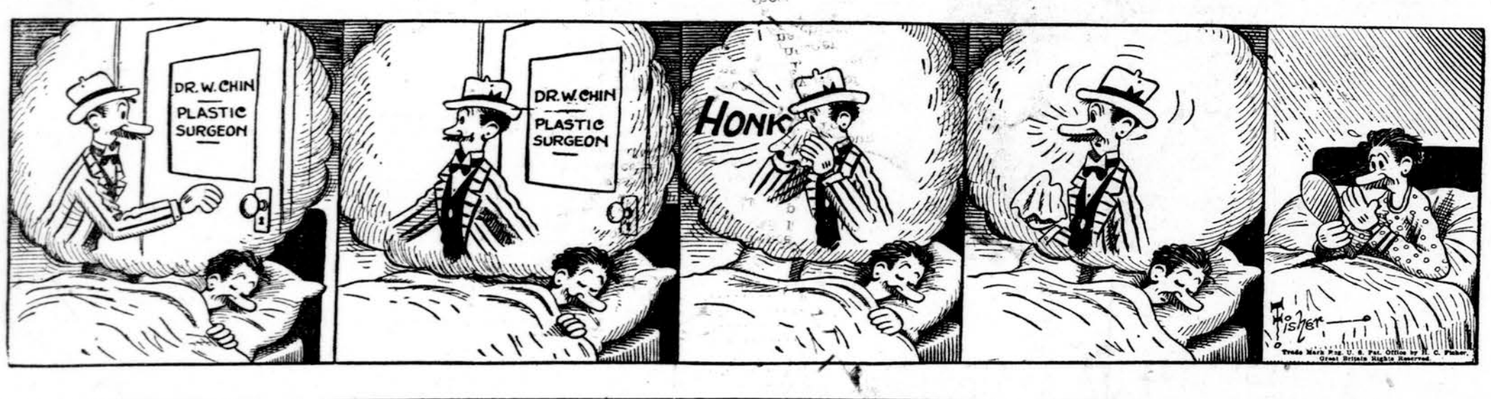
BONUS BEING PAID

SHRIRAMPUR: The bonus for 1947—four and and a half months' wages—which had become the bone of contention and the cause of the prolonged strike, is at present being paid to the workers by the proprietors of the Maharashtra Sugar Mills, Tilaknagar.

Three Ministers of Bombay—Shri Naik Nimbalkar, Shri L. M. Patil and Shri G. D. Tapase will attend the opening ceremony of the Changdeo Sugar Mills, Puntambe, on December 24, 1950

M'TT AND JEFF—The Dream Lost By A Nose

By BUD FISHER



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